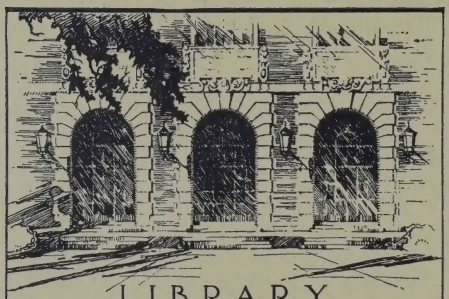

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M.W. BRO. JOHN R. C. EVANS
Grand Master 1954-1955

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

A.F. & A.M.

INSTALLATION OF W.BROTHER JOSEPH EDWARD COOPER AS R.W. GRAND CHAPLAIN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, A.F. & A.M.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Portage la Prairie on Monday, August 30th, 1954 at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of Installing W.Bro. Joseph Edward Cooper into Office as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Special Communication was opened in Ample Form at 7.30 p.m. by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans, the Invocation was given by M.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, as Acting Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans (113)..... Grand Master
M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141)..... as Deputy Grand Master
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)..... as Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141)..... Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3)..... Grand Secretary
M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7)..... as Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)..... Grand Historian
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130)..... G.D. of Ceremonies
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)..... Grand Librarian
V.W. Bro. J. M. Donovan (113)..... Senior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. F. C. Davey (93)..... as Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. J. D. Houston (36)..... Senior Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. Alex. Duff (130)..... as Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Geo. Milne (148)..... Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. R. D. Saunders (117)..... Grand Tyler

Also present were:

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, P.G.M. (158)
M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, P.G.M. (7)
M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, P.G.M. (70)
R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor, D.D.G.M. 1st Masonic District (111)
R.W. Bro. J. A. Davidson, D.D.G.M. 2nd Masonic District (24)
R.W. Bro. M. Mills, D.D.G.M. 3rd Masonic District (160)
R.W. Bro. Thos. Wilson, D.D.G.M. 12th Masonic District (136)
R. W. Bro. John Norquay, P.D.D.G.M. (2)
R.W. Bro. R. S. Montgomery, P.G. Chaplain (2)

The M.W. Grand Master called upon M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan who, with the assistance of R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions, Grand Director of Ceremonies, installed W.Bro. Joseph Edward Cooper as Grand Chaplain, and invested him with the Jewel of his Office.

M.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray then stated that during his year in Office as Grand Master he had appointed M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan as our Grand Representative near the United Grand Lodge of England. At the last Annual Communication he had transferred to him the Jewel, and now had great pleasure in presenting him with his Commission in confirmation of the appointment. M.W. Bro. Donovan expressed his appreciation for having been selected for such an important duty.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, the Grand Historian, then informed the brethren that our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans, when visiting the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta had been given the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of that Grand Jurisdiction and in a few well chosen remarks stated he had been asked to present him with a Certificate confirming the appointment for which the Grand Master expressed his thanks.

The business of the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. having been completed, the Grand Chaplain led the brethren in prayer and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form by the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Evans at 7.50 p.m.

Thos. L. Jackson

Grand Secretary.

CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION AND CONSTITUTION ON THE RE-ESTABLISHING OF MARQUETTE LODGE No. 21

At the City of Portage la Prairie in the Province of Manitoba, and within the Masonic Temple, Tupper Street South, Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., met on Monday, August 30th, 1954 at 8.00 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of the Consecration and Constitution of Marquette Lodge, Under Dispensation.

After the Lodge had been opened by the Worshipful Master of Marquette Lodge, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and welcomed; the Grand Master being invited to the East where he assumed the Gavel.

Accompanying the Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans, were the following Grand Lodge Officers:

M.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray (141) ..... as Deputy Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93) ..... as Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. David Rothstein (141) ..... Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3) ..... Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. J. E. Cooper (109) ..... Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4) ..... Grand Historian
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) ..... G.D. of Ceremonies
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138) ..... Grand Librarian
V.W. Bro. J. M. Donovan (113) ..... Senior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. F. C. Davey (93) ..... as Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. J. D. Houston (36) ..... Senior Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. Alex. E. Duff (130) ..... as Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. George Milne (148) ..... Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. R. D. Saunders (117) ..... Grand Tyler

R.W. Bro. J. A. Davidson, District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, presented a request to the Grand Master for the Ceremony of Consecration and Constitution of the Lodge in order to re-establish the Lodge as a regular Chartered Lodge and that it be given its old number "21" on the register of the Grand Lodge, and the M.W. Grand Master signified his willingness to proceed.

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother T. C. Jackson, then read the Charter and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Brother W. D. G. Runions, was asked to retire accompanied by the Ark Bearers, with the Acting Deputy Grand Master M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray as bearer of the Vessel of Corn, the Acting Senior Grand Warden, M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe as bearer of the Vessel of Wine and the Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. D. Rothstein as bearer of the Vessel of

Oil, to bring in the instruments of Consecration, when Marquette Lodge No. 21 was Consecrated, Constituted and Re-established.

The Symbols were then removed, after which W.Bro. H. F. Giffin was installed in full form as Worshipful Master of the Lodge on its Re-establishment; M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni was placed to act as Immediate Paster Master and the following Officers were invested with the Jewels of their several Offices and duly installed:

Bro. Earl M. Brown	Senior Warden
Bro. W. C. Lowry	Junior Warden
Bro. W. R. M. Inglis	Treasurer
W. Bro. G. G. Grigg	Secretary
Bro. R. W. Lytle	Chaplain
Bro. Harry Owens	Senior Deacon
Bro. W. H. Bradley	Junior Deacon
R.W. Bro. F. G. Garvin	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. A. C. Carver	Senior Steward
Bro. Robt. McDermid	Junior Steward
Bro. Neil H. Muir	Inner Guard
Bro. Norman Owens	Tyler

M.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole acted as Grand Installing Master, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions, Grand Director of Ceremonies with the following assisting:

M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni	R.W. Bro. Harry Prowse
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly	R.W. Bro. F. G. Garvin
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe	W. Bro. W. S. Allison
M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray	W. Bro. G. T. Wright

R.W. Bro. F. C. Courtice, D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans, congratulated the brethren on an event which is unique in the Annals of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, the re-establishment of a Lodge under its old number. He felt that in the hands of the Officers just installed, the Lodge had a great future.

Marquette Lodge No. 21 was then closed by the newly-installed Master and his Officers after which the evening closed with an enjoyable banquet served to the members and visitors present.

CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION AND CONSTITUTION OF MENORAH LODGE NO. 167

At the Masonic Temple, situate in the Municipality of East Kildonan, 215 Melrose Avenue, Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons met on Wednesday, September 1st, 1954 at 7.45 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of Consecrating and Constituting Menorah Lodge, under Dispensation.

After the Lodge had been opened by the Worshipful Master of Menorah Lodge, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and welcomed. The Grand Master being invited to the East and to assume the gavel.

Accompanying the Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans, were the following Grand Lodge Officers:

M.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray (141)..... as Deputy Grand Master
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)..... as Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141)..... Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4)..... Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson (3)..... Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. J. E. Cooper (109)..... Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130)..... Grand Director of Ceremonies
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)..... Grand Librarian
R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139)..... as Senior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. F. C. Davey (93)..... as Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor (111)..... as Senior Grand Steward
R.W.Bro. Thos. Wilson (136)..... as Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. George Milne (148)..... Grand Pursuivant
Bro. A. H. Schwartz (167)..... as Grand Tyler

Also present were:

M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143)
R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff (130)
R.W. Bro. J. R. Glenn (144)

R.W. Bro. Thos. Wilson, District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District, presented a request to the Grand Master for the Ceremony of Consecration and Constitution of the Lodge as a regular Chartered Lodge and the M.W. Grand Master signified his willingness to proceed with the Ceremony.

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother T. C. Jackson, then read the Charter and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Brother W. D. G. Runions, was asked to retire, accompanied by the Ark Bearers, with M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray acting as Deputy Grand Master, the bearer of the Vessel of

Corn, M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, acting as Senior Grand Warden, the bearer of the Vessel of Wine and R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, Junior Grand Warden, the bearer of the Vessel of Oil, to bring in the instruments of Consecration and in a most impressive Ceremony, Menorah Lodge No. 167 was Consecrated and Constituted.

The Symbols were then removed and W.Bro. Hyman Bookhalter was then installed in full form and the following Officers invested in their respective Offices by M.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray, assisted by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions, R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat, W.Bro. P. T. Houston, W.Bro. M. Rosenstock and W.Bro. A. Guttman.

W. Bro. Hyman Bookhalter	Worshipful Master
W. Bro. Isaac Zipursky	Im. Past Master
Bro. Harry Stein	Senior Warden
Bro. J. M. Knelman	Junior Warden
Bro. T. Tadman	Treasurer
Bro. M. H. Tatelman	Secretary
W. Bro. Ben. Claman	Chaplain
Bro. M. J. Oretzki	Senior Deacon
Bro. M. Jeroff	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. J. M. Lyons	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. N. S. Shuckett	Senior Steward
Bro. D. Guttman	Junior Steward
W.Bro. J. Walkin	Organist
Bro. M. A. Sayles	Inner Guard
Bro. I. H. Katz	Tyler

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, on behalf of the Master, Officers and members of the sponsoring Lodge, Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143, presented the Lodge with complete Regalia for the Officers and in his well chosen remarks stated they were now Masters in their own House . . . that in the passage of time the Lodge would grow, and he admonished them never to forsake quality for quantity.

R.W. Bro. Thos. Wilson, District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District on behalf of the Sister Lodges in that District, with appropriate remarks, presented the Lodge with a set of Working Tools.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Hyman Bookhalter very feelingly expressed appreciation of the members and himself to the Grand Master for the Ceremony of Consecration and Constitution, and to the Right Worshipful Brethren for the gifts presented to them.

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans, in his closing Address congratulated the Master, Officers and members of Menorah Lodge No. 167 being admitted to full

membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, stating he felt that if they continued the good work they had been doing while under Dispensation, they would have a better understanding of our objective—the "Brotherhood of Man."

Menorah Lodge No. 167 was then closed by the newly-installed Master and his Officers, severally in the Master Mason, Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice Degrees.

The evening concluded with a very enjoyable and informal banquet at which time, many messages of congratulation were conveyed by the Masters of Sister Lodges, and many other visitors.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

1955

EIGHTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

In the City of Winnipeg, in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons met in the Eightieth Annual Communication.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of June 1st by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John R. C. Evans; the Invocation being given by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Brother Joseph E. Cooper.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans (113), Brandon ..... Grand Master
R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), St. James ..... Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin (24), Neepawa ..... Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. David Rothstein (141), Winnipeg ..... Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson (3), Winnipeg ..... Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. J. E. Cooper (109), Hadashville ..... Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Winnipeg ..... Grand Historian
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), Winnipeg ..... G.D. of Ceremonies
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), St. Vital ..... Grand Librarian
V.W. Bro. E. S. Reeves (121), Varsity View ..... as Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. J. D. Houston (36), Boissevain ..... Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. S. Sorenson (11), Gladstone ..... Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. C. R. Beswatherick (62), Russell ..... Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. George Milne (148), Winnipeg ..... Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. R. D. Saunders (117), Belmont ..... Grand Tyler
R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor (111), Winnipeg .. D.D.G.M. 1st Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. A. Davidson (24), Neepawa .. D.D.G.M. 2nd Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Myrton Mills (160), Starbuck .. D.D.G.M. 3rd Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. J. Breakey (13), Morden .... D.D.G.M. 4th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton (159), Newdale .. D.D.G.M. 5th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. G. Cobb (54), Melita ..... D.D.G.M. 6th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. F. C. Courtice (19), Brandon .. D.D.G.M. 7th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. H. W. Davison (120), Greenridge ..... D.D.G.M. 8th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Allan Doak (94), Grandview .... D.D.G.M. 9th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. H. K. Hutson (12), Stonewall .. D.D.G.M. 10th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Thos. Wilson (136), Norwood .. D.D.G.M. 12th Masonic District

LIST OF PAST GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1)
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3)
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)
M.W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing (51)
M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)
M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90)

M.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7)
M.W. Bro. S. Burland (12)
M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (21)
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25)
M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27)
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (114)
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)
M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141)
M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158)

PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE No. 1

W.M.—Wm. Throp; S.W.—S. A. Waddell; J.W.—J. W. Woodward. M.W. Bro. H. Coddington; V.W. Bro. J. D. McKinlay; W. Bros. J. T. Corrie, J. E. Frazer, R. W. MacKenzie, M. M. McElheran, A. J. Rychman.

LISGAR LODGE No. 2

S.W.—A. Gunn; J.W.—J. T. Howardson. R.W. Bros. R. S. Montgomery, J. Norquay; W. Bros. G. Goodwin, W. S. Griffith, G. L. McQueen, L. C. Maxwell, R. M. Stewart.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE No. 3

W.M.—C. J. Scott; S.W.—P.A. Bull; J.W.—W. C. Grant. M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson; R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant; W. Bros. F. Adam, J. L. Angus, C. S. Coates, P. G. Hawkins, E. W. Kemp, J. L. Knight, W. A. Little, S. J. Sametz, W. J. Wenham.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 4

W.M.—W. L. Milne; S.W.—R. R. Robertson; J.W.—A. N. Robertson. M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas; R.W. Bros. A. G. Cowan, K. R. Kennedy, A. A. MacDonald, A. S. McCann, V.M. Bros. W. C. Birt, T. L. Dodsworth; W. Bros. E. H. Brown, E. L. Jukes, C. S. Landon, B. S. Parker, P. C. Pratt, G. Reed, J. W. Tackaberry.

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KING SOLOMON LODGE No. 8

W.M.—R. Forrest; S.W.—W. R. Irvine. R.W. Bros. W. J. Hamblin O. T. Johnson, A. J. Sawatzky; W. Bro. H. R. Clow.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE No. 10

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GLADSTONE LODGE No. 11

W.M.—D. A. Cathcart; S.W.—B. Freeborn; J.W.—R. J. Moss. R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor; V.W. Bro. S. Sorenson; W. Bros. R. M. Cawley, C. Wallis, J. Winn.

STONEWALL LODGE No. 12

W.M.—A. S. Matthewson; S.W.—W. P. Matthewson; J.W.—W. J. Napper. M.W. Bro. S. Burland; R.W. Bros. H. K. Hutson, J. W. Lindsay; W. Bros. H. W. Elwell, H. A. Good. M. R. Good, J. W. Howe, C. S. Trick, J. S. Whitehead.

MORDEN LODGE No. 13

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PRINCE OF WALES LODGE No. 14

W.M.—A. S. Thoms. R.W. Bro. J. Fleming; W. Bro. M. A. Clow.

CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 15

W.M.—J. R. Newitt; S.W.—H. Northam. V.W. Bro. J. W. Rousell; W. Bro. W. N. Thompson.

BRANDON LODGE No. 19

W.M.—F. H. Gibson; S.W.—F. P. McLeavy; J.W.—G. E. Strange. R.W. Bros. J. W. Broatch, F. C. Courtice; W. Bro. H. W. Halverson, J. J. Walls.

MARQUETTE LODGE No. 21

W.M.—E. M. Brown; S. W.—W. C. Lowry. M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni; W. Bro. H. F. Giffen.

NEEPAWA LODGE No. 24

W.M.—A. J. Vodden; S.W.—G. M. Hallen. R.W. Bros. J. A. Davidson, J. F. Irwin; W. Bros. D. E. Pollock, J. C. Williamson.

IONIC LODGE No. 25

W.M.—E. M. Evans; J.W.—F. W. Christie. M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence; R.W. Bros. R. F. Argue, H. T. Waters; V.W. Bro. E. T. Leech; W. Bros. R. T. Comrie, H. V. Dimock, E. L. Hardie, R. L. Jex, Jas. Perry, Jas. Smith, B. R. Webb.

GLENWOOD LODGE No. 27

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CARBERRY LODGE No. 29

J.W.—A. Ruckle. R.W. Bro. W. M. Froom; W. Bros. E. A. Berry, R. J. Hood, C. P. Rogers, W. J. Witherspoon.

MANITOU LODGE No. 30

W.M.—W. H. Bowler; J.W.—W. T. Boote. R.W. Bro. N. H. Ashley.

DORIC LODGE No. 36

S.W.—D. M. McPhail; J.W.—B. J. Whitfield. V.W. Bro. J. D. Houston.

BIRTLE LODGE No. 39

W.M.—F. J. Leggat; J.W.—G. S. Barker.

DELORAINE LODGE No. 40

W.M.—J. W. Hammell; S.W.—H. J. Renton. W. Bro. H. H. Barnes.

LEBANON LODGE No. 43

W.M.—A. M. Paul; S.W.—F. A. France. R.W. Bro. C. Moore, W. Bro. A. A. Hay.

OAK LAKE LODGE No. 44

W. Bros. J. D. Bell, T. G. Olive.

GLENBORO LODGE No. 48

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KILLARNEY LODGE No. 50

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TREHERNE LODGE No. 51

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RUSSELL LODGE No. 62

V.W. Bro. C. R. Beswatherick.

HOLLAND LODGE No. 63

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COMPOSITE LODGE No. 64

W. Bro. G. A. Yeomans.

WAWANESA LODGE No. 67

R.W. Bro. J. W. Johnston; W. Bros. H. E. Mitchell, H. J. Williams.

VERMILLION LODGE No. 68

SHILOH LODGE No. 70

W.M.—R. I. Stocks; S.W.—W. N. Hodgson. M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald; R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover; W. Bros. A. Kelly, R. A. McKenzie, K. G. Stocks.

CRYSTAL LODGE No. 71

W.M.—G. A. Custance. R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes; W. Bros. J. A. Macartney, G. S. Mutch.

ELKHORN LODGE No. 74

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HAMIOTA LODGE No. 84

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W.M.—W. Davidowski.

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W.M.—J. Warr.

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R.W. Bro. R. Peel.

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SWAN LAKE LODGE No. 109

R.W. Bros. J. E. Cooper, G. O. Couch; W. Bros. K. M. G. Couch, O. W. Couch, W. Livingstone.

KILWINNING LODGE No. 110

ACACIA LODGE No. 111

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SEVEN OAKS LODGE No. 148

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W.M.—R. D. McMillan; S.W.—R. N. McLennan. W. Bro. G. S. Fulford.

THE DORMER LODGE No. 151

W.M.—J. Brady; S.W.—R. D. Ross; J.W.—C. M. Sinclair. R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross; V.W. Bros. S. R. Bird, J. B. Day; W. Bros. A. C. Keel, A. E. Longstaffe, G. K. Parson, F. Redgwell.

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S.W.—T. McPherson.

FLIN FLON LODGE No. 153

W.M.—W. Sutton; S.W.—W. J. A. Hall.

PINE FALLS LODGE No. 154

W.M.—D. Brewster; S.W.—K. I. Johnson; J.W.—J. C. Caufield. W. Bro. G. Dawson.

CARMAN LODGE No. 155

W.M.—R. M. Allen; J.W.—C. Fox. R.W. Bro. J. Milroy; W. Bro. A. E. Shewfelt.

MANITOUWAPA LODGE No. 156

W.M.—S. Schwartz; J.W.—R. F. Baldwin. W. Bros. D. McFadyen, F. O'Connell.

RICE LAKE LODGE No. 157

W. Bro. G. H. Lucas.

FENWICK LODGE No. 158

W.M.—W. G. Mitrou; S.W.—W. G. Fraser; J.W.—C. G. Rankmore. M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan; W. Bro. W. A. Wyborn.

NEWDALE LODGE No. 159

W.M.—J. O. Young. R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton; W. Bro. W. P. Everitt.

STARBUCK LODGE No. 160

R.W. Bro. M. Mills.

FORT PRINCE OF WALES LODGE No. 161

W.M.—F. W. Pollitt.

ASHLAR LODGE No. 162

W. Bro. A. E. Dagg.

CHARLESWOOD LODGE No. 163

W.M.—A. G. Lawrence. W. Bro. W. J. Eyers.

HARRY WOODS LODGE No. 164

W.M.—O. Johnson; S.W.—J. A. Erlendson; J.W.—W. F. Breckman, W. Bros. W. G. Halldorson, G. Paulson.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE No. 165

W.M.—J. A. Marshall; S.W.—D. G. Pearson; J.W.—J. E. Rogers. W. Bros. G. M. Farwell, G. W. Rattray.

WOODWORTH LODGE No. 166

W.M.—E. Borgstrom; S.W.—J. D. Sills.

MENORAH LODGE No. 167

W.M.—H. L. Stein; S.W.—J. Knelman; J.W.—M. Oretzki. W. Bro. H. Bookhalter.

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W. Bro. Hans Fricke, N. Dak.
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Bro. N. Quigley, Sask.
Bro. W. K. Voorhees, S. Dak.
Bro. G. C. Delgaty
Bro. H. H. Emes.
Bro. C. R. Sibbald

All Master Masons wishing to enter Grand Lodge were then admitted and assigned to special seating accommodation provided for them.

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans welcomed all the brethren to the meeting and expressed the hope that they would derive pleasure and profit from the Communication.

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) that the Agenda and Regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge as printed, be adopted, subject to the wishes of the M.W. Grand Master. Carried.

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Evans requested that brethren leaving or entering the Grand Lodge Room give the required sign at the Altar and to enter or leave only between items of business. He also reminded the brethren that Section 24 of our Constitution stated that all motions were to be written out. Forms for the purpose could be secured from the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.

READING OF MINUTES

R.W. Bro. J. A. Davidson (24) moved, seconded by R.W. Bro. Allan Doak (94) that the Minutes of the last Annual and of the Special Communication of Grand Lodge as printed in the Proceedings, be taken as if read and confirmed. Carried.

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother T. C. Jackson (3) read the Minutes of the Special Communication of Grand Lodge held August 30th, 1954, in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Portage la Prairie and which was called for the purpose of installing W.Bro. Joseph E. Cooper into Office as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. There appeared to be no errors or omissions and the M.W. Grand Master declared them approved as read.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother T. C. Jackson (3) reported the following nominations had been received for the Offices of Grand Lodge and for the Board of General Purposes. He moved that the Report be received, seconded by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7). Carried.

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Robert Eric Emmett, St. James Lodge No. 121.

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

Senior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, Tuscan Lodge No. 141.

Junior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. W. Albert Prugh, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

Grand Treasurer:
R.W. Bro. John Paterson Mowat, Beaver Lodge No. 139.

Grand Secretary:
M.W. Bro. Thomas C. Jackson, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Chaplain:
W. Bro. Charles Robert Newcombe, Treherne Lodge No. 51.

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. William Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
R.W. Bro. Wesley D. G. Runions, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130

Grand Librarian:
M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, Windsor Lodge No. 138.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

W. Bro. John Edward Frazer, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1
R.W. Bro. John Norquay, Lisgar Lodge No. 2
R.W. Bro. Angus A. MacDonald, St. John's Lodge No. 4
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White, St. John's Lodge No. 4
W. Bro. Walter Dalzell, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7
R.W. Bro. Harold K. Hutson, Stonewall Lodge No. 12
V.W. Bro. A. G. Barron, Carberry Lodge No. 29
R.W. Bro. M. E. MacKinnon, Temple Lodge No. 49
R.W. Bro. A. W. Bodkin, Napinka Lodge No. 77
R.W. Bro. Ezra B. Litz, Rathwell Lodge No. 87
R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson, Strathclair Lodge No. 106
R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor, Acacia Lodge No. 111
W. Bro. S. C. Bagley, St. James Lodge No. 121
W. Bro. A. D. Adamson, Empire Lodge No. 127
W. Bro. F. E. Simmons, Kildonan Lodge No. 131
R.W. Bro. Thos. Wilson, Capitol Lodge No. 136
W. Bro. Geo. Lardner, Beaver Lodge No. 139
W. Bro. A. C. Cabel, Meridian Lodge No. 140
V.W. Bro. Nathan Rothstein, Tuscan Lodge No. 141
R.W. Bro. J. Reid Glenn, Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144
R.W. Bro. F. R. Willmott, Fenwick Lodge No. 158
R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton, Newdale Lodge No. 159
W. Bro. G. W. Rattray, Friendship Lodge No. 165

PETITIONS, APPEALS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Grand Secretary announced he had not received any Petitions or Appeals.

Letters extending best wishes for a most successful and harmonious Annual Communication were received from the Grand Masters of the following Grand Jurisdictions:

British Columbia; New Brunswick; Nova Scotia; Prince Edward Island; Quebec; Illinois and Montana.

Also from the following individual brethren:

M.W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop, Ontario; M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert, Alberta; M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, Alberta; M.W. Bro. M. J. Brown, Minnesota; M.W. Bro. R. E. Cummins, Minnesota; M.W. Bro. W. F. Holman, California; M.W. Bro. H. T. Olson, Minnesota; M.W. Bro. W. P. Sturtz, Minnesota; M.W. Bro. J. B. Tomhave, Minnesota; M.W. Bro. H. W. Gill, California; M.W. Bro. G. W. Christie, Minnesota; R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Alberta; R.W. Bro. E. F. Strain, South Dakota, and from the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Order of the Eastern Star.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following report was presented by R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), President of the Board, who moved its adoption, second by W.Bro. W. S. Marley (121) and carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

On behalf of the members of the Board of General Purposes, I beg to submit the following report containing a summary of the business transacted by the Board during the past Masonic year.

MEETING OF JUNE 3rd, 1954

There were 24 members present.

The inaugural meeting of the Board was held in the Grand Lodge Room of the Fort Garry Hotel immediately after the close of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of organization.

By virtue of office, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett became President of the Board, and R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin was elected Vice-President.

The Committee to strike Standing Committees was named as follows:

M.W. Bros. W. C. McDonald; F.H. Blythe; H. Coddington; Wm. Douglas and R.W. Bro. W. P. White. The first named being chairman.

MEETING OF JUNE 18, 1954

The President presided with 24 members present.

Before proceeding with the business of the evening, the President introduced and welcomed to the Board, the new members elected at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee to Strike Standing Committees was presented and adopted.

Approval was given that the 1956 Communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the Fort Garry Hotel.

R.W. Bro. D. Ferguson, who was present as a visitor, made a verbal report and request that Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156 be given permission to proceed with the erection of a new Masonic Temple in Moosehorn.

Assurance was given that once the Lodge had complied with the necessary requirements of the Constitution, permission would be granted.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1954

The President presided with 41 members present.

As this was the first meeting of the Fall the President welcomed all present and to facilitate better acquaintance, introduced each member.

The Committee on the Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund reported that contributions had been received from 113 Lodges out of a total of 115. To date 3,544 members had contributed $15,138.02, average contribution is $4.27.

The report of the Trial Commission appointed to consider charges of Unmasonic conduct preferred by Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105 against one of its members was received. The Commission found the charges proven.

The Board then authorized the member concerned suspended from the Craft.

Progress reports were received from the following Committees. Re-Allocation of Districts; By-laws, New Temple.

Starbuck Lodge No. 160 and Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156 having met the requirements of the Constitution, a resolution was adopted giving them permission to erect new temple buildings in Starbuck and Moosehorn.

Favel Lodge No. 126 having complied with constitutional requirements were given permission to purchase from Knox United Church, the old church building.

A report adopted from the Committee on Masonic Research and Education indicates that through its semi-permanent sub-committee it is proceeding with a plan to give individual instruction to new brethren as they complete each degree.

The Grand Librarian has completed the card index system for the several thousand books now in the library.

The purchase of five book kits each containing six books was recommended subject to the approval of the Library Committee. These kits to be made available as a travelling library to the constituent Lodges outside the Greater Winnipeg area.

It was recommended that two Area Meetings be held at suitable dates and early preparation be made for them.

Approval was given to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry. This Committee held a meeting with the District Deputy Grand Masters today, eight out of the eleven being present. Several of these had held organization meetings with the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of Lodges in their districts. All reported that harmony existed in the Lodges. The District Deputy Grand Masters were impressed with the importance of sending in Form 21 promptly after a Lodge had been visited. Also to make adequate preparation for their District Meetings.

Approval was given to a report from the Finance Committee in which they advised fire insurance coverage had now been provided on furniture, equipment, regalia, etc., on the basis of Replacement Value with co-insurance instead of a cost less depreciation. This included Library books as well.

A report from the Investment Committee was approved in which they had exchanged certain securities, and had invested certain monies in Dominion of Canada bonds.

A resolution was passed asking the Grand Master to arrange for the Annual Grand Lodge Church Service.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19th, 1954

The President presided with 36 members present.

The Committee of Re-Allocation of Districts submitted a revised list of proposed districts and authority was given to mail out this tentative plan to all members of the Board and to all Lodges.

The Committee on Lodge By-Laws made an exhaustive and comprehensive report, which was adopted. They pointed out the matters that

require particular attention, fall under three heads, namely: 1. Meetings: 2. Elections: 3. Miscellaneous.

It was suggested that the Grand Secretary call the attention of Lodges to any of their by-laws that were not in accordance with the Constitution.

In response to a communication, the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario advised they were making a survey of the Flood Disaster situation amongst their members. They expressed appreciation of our offer of assistance and would let us know if we could be of any direct assistance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee authority was given to purchase sufficient three-ring binders to supply all Lodge Secretaries. These are for filing, edicts, rulings, etc., coming out of the Grand Secretaries office, so that each Lodge may have a permanent and easily accessible record.

Our Grand Master having been asked to address the brethren at the Washington Conference, February 23rd and 24th, 1955, and having accepted the invitation, authority was given to defray expenses of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary so they could attend this Conference.

The recommendation of the Committee on Research and Education that invitations be extended to Killarney Lodge No. 50 at Killarney and Lisgar Lodge No. 2 at Selkirk to act as Host Lodges for Area Meetings, was approved and authorization was given to proceed with the necessary arrangements after consultation with the Grand Master.

Favorable progress was being made with the "Mentor Plan" of Education and the distribution of Book Kits.

Approval was given that letters be sent to newly-raised Master Masons outlining the advantages and services available in the Library. V.W. Bro. Nathan Rothstein kindly offered to undertake the printing of these letters.

The Grand Secretary gave a full report on the Banff Conference, stressing the importance of this annual meeting of the Four Western Grand Lodges. We were represented by our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary. The Grand Master endorsed the importance of the Conference and the valuable papers that were presented.

Authority was given for the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master to represent the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at the All-Canada Conference.

The Grand Master announced all District Meetings except two had been held. They were excellent meetings in every respect.

R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter announced he was retiring from active work and requested leave of absence for six months. He contemplated taking a trip around the World. Best wishes of the Board were extended for a safe and pleasant holiday.

MEETING OF JANUARY 21st, 1955

The President presided with 36 members present.

Before proceeding with the business the Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans paid tribute to the memory of R.W. Bro. David Griffiths who died November 28, 1954. The Board expressed its sympathy and regret by standing for a moment in silence.

Approval was given to a report from the Committee of Re-Allocation of Districts. They advised they had given consideration to all ideas that had been submitted and now recommended two changes in List "C" presented at last Board meeting, i.e., Union Lodge No. 108 from 5th District to 2nd District: Fenwick Lodge No. 158 from 2nd District to 5th District.

R.W. Bro. David Rothstein on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry advised that the special warning was now being printed in the Official Circular issued in the Greater Winnipeg area.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented and adopted. They advised that fire resistant steel equipment was being provided for certain records, documents, etc., in the Grand Secretary's office. The opinion was expressed that the time is long past when the administration offices of this Grand Lodge should be located in a building of fire-proof construction.

Notification was received from Masonic Temple Association that our rent had been increased from $1,500 to $1,650 per annum.

It was considered impracticable for the Grand Secretary's office to purchase Past District Deputy Grand Masters' regalia for and on behalf of the various Masonic Districts.

The Committee of Research and Education reported that dates for the two area meetings had been set, as follows: Killarney, Friday, April 29th, 15 Lodges to be invited. Selkirk, Thursday, May 5th, 11 rural lodges to be invited.

Permission was given to Harmony Lodge No. 142 to change its place of meeting, and to Rivers Lodge No. 115 to sell their old Lodge building and lot.

M.W. Bro. William Douglas made the following valuable presentations to this Grand Lodge:

1. Bound copy of the First Proceedings of the Schismatic Grand Lodge of Manitoba formed in 1878.
2. His own original manuscripts and notes on the biographical data of the first initiates in the original Northern Light Lodge.

The Grand Master thanked the donor and the applause of the members indicated their appreciation.

M.W. Bro. W. Douglas suggested that a most important sermon printed in the first copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge should be duplicated as there was only one copy of this book in existence. He also suggested that the name "Foreign" should be changed to something more suitable when used in "Foreign" relations and "Foreign" correspondence.

A resolution was unanimously adopted that Honorary membership on this Board of General Purposes be conferred upon R. W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy and that it be recommended to Grand Lodge that the appointment be made permanent.

MEETING OF MARCH 18th, 1955

The President presided with 33 members present.

Progress was reported by the following Committees—New Temple; Re-Allocation of Districts; Jurisprudence and Appeals; Foreign Relations; Correspondence and Benevolence.

The M.W. Grand Master announced the Annual Grand Lodge Church Service would be held at St. Paul's United Church, Brandon, at 7.00 p.m. on Sunday, May 8th, 1955.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education reported the final dates and places for the two area meetings: Boissevain—April 29, 1955 and Selkirk on May 3rd. Full details were given of the programmes to be followed at each meeting.

A comprehensive outline was given of the "Mentor Plan" of instruction being developed for use in the Lodges.

The purchase of 100 paper-bound copies of a Booklet—"101 Questions," and answers about the Craft, has been made, and these will be available to the Brethren at the Area Meetings, at a cost of a few cents.

Requests for Book Kits far exceed the number available. These requests are kept on file in the order received and will be filled as soon as possible. Two Study Clubs have been organized and material to assist them has been supplied.

There is evidence of increased interest by members in some Districts shown by requests for books and material to be used in preparation of papers and talks.

In the 5th Masonic District, R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton has organized a system by which brethren of one lodge prepare short papers and present them at another lodge in the District as an exchange feature.

Letters have been sent to all District Deputy Grand Masters elect reminding them of the books and material available in the Library. Great pleasure was expressed at the splendid work of the Grand Librarian.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry reported that 18 reports from District Deputy Grand Masters on Form 21 relating to their official visits to lodges had not been received.

The Committee of Investments reported certain exchanges made in Securities held by Grand Lodge which were concurred in.

R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy on behalf of the Committee on Constitution and Revision made a full and comprehensive report on all amendments to the Constitution submitted, and made recommendations regarding certain revisions in other paragraphs that would be required. This committee will see that proper Notice of Motion is given as required by the Constitution.

Under New Business, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas presented to Grand Lodge the old and first Minute Book and Dispensation issued by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, of the original Northern Light Lodge. He had located these many years ago and had retained them for safekeeping. Our Grand Master suitably thanked the donor.

The Grand Secretary gave a very full report on the All-Canada Conference held in Toronto, and of the Grand Secretaries Conference held in Washington.

Whilst the Grand Master confined his remarks to the Grand Masters' Conference held in Washington. Attendance seemed to be all that could be desired. Each of the 49 Grand Jurisdictions in the U.S.A. were represented, also all in Canada except British Columbia and Newfoundland.

Our Grand Master had the distinct honor on behalf of Canada to respond to the Address of Welcome.

MEETING OF MAY 6th, 1955

The President presided with 38 members present.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the M.W. Grand Master expressed the sympathy of the entire Board to M.W. Bro. Harry Gray on his sad bereavement in the passing of his wife, Sheila Gray.

It was unanimously agreed to send M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni and Mrs. Fahrni a message of good wishes, this being not only his birthday, but their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

In the absence of the Chairman, a report was adopted from the Committee of Re-Allocation of Districts stating they regretted not being able to make a final report at this meeting. However, this would be done on June 1st. In the meantime suggestions continue to come in from the Lodges, and the Committee is anxious to give these every consideration.

It was recommended to the Grand Master that a Dispensation be granted to Rivers Lodge No. 115 to change their place of meeting.

In respect to the request from Corinthian Lodge No. 15 regarding disposal of their present lodge building recently damaged by fire. It was agreed the Board could take no official action at the moment, but R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton was asked to notify the lodge to comply with the Constitution and the Board would approve of any action authorized by the Lodge.

The following reports of Committees were received and ordered submitted to Grand Lodge. In view of this, these reports are not incorporated in this summary: Jurisprudence and Appeals; Research and Education together with report of Grand Librarian attached; Foreign Relations; Correspondence; Finance; Benevolence; Investments; Constitution and Revision; Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund; Masonic Disaster Relief Fund, also Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's reports.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas commenting on that part of the Grand Secretary's report regarding arrears of dues, said he felt the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry should send a letter to all Lodges regarding this matter. A motion to this effect was passed.

The Board approved a motion of M.W. Bro. S. Burland that R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter be appointed an Honorary Member of this Board, and it be recommended to Grand Lodge that the appointment be permanent.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas reported that since presenting the Dispensation of Old Northern Light Lodge he had discovered on a recent trip to St. Paul that Bro. Dr. John Schultz was initiated into Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5, Minnesota on July 9th, 1863. He was numbered 1693 on a register that now numbers over 150,000 members.

MEETING OF JUNE 1st, 1955

The President presided with 33 members and 10 visitors present.

By standing for a moment in silence the members observed the passing of M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black, who had passed away since the last meeting of the Board.

The Chairman of the Committee on Re-Allocation of Districts presented the final report of this Committee and after considerable discussion it was moved and carried that this report be submitted to Grand Lodge for its consideration.

A suggestion from Empire Lodge No. 127 that this Jurisdiction consider the establishing of a home for elderly retired Masons was referred to the new Board for study and investigation.

The 1955-1956 Budget was presented by the Chairman of the Committee on Finanace and was approved for submission to Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald was elected to take the place of our late M.W. Bro. N. J. Black as a member of the Committee on Administration of the Masonic Disaster Relief Fund.

Appointment of delegates to attend the Conference of the Four Western Jurisdictions at Banff in September next, was deferred for the decision of the new Board of General Purposes.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114) and carried, that in recognition of more than ten years continuous membership on the Board of General Purposes, this Grand Lodge confirms the action of the Board of General Purposes in appointing R.W. BRO. KENNETH R. KENNEDY (4) and R.W. BRO. CHARLES A. MIDWINTER (111), Honorary Members of that Board.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I respectfully present the Eightieth Annual Report of the Grand Secretary for the year ended March 31st, 1955.

Copies of Proceedings of the Seventy-ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held on June 2nd and 3rd, 1954 were prepared and mailed to each of the constituent lodges, the Officers of Grand Lodge, the members of the Board of General Purposes and to the Grand Lodges and their Representatives with whom we are in Fraternal Relationship. Due to the small number of copies requested by members of the Craft only 600 copies of the proceedings for 1954 were printed.

Warning Circulars were prepared in accordance with the decision of Grand Lodge and mailed to constituent lodges and other Bodies of Freemasonry under numbers 79A and 79B.

Certificates of Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Past Masters, Life Members and Master Masons have been

prepared and presented to those entitled to them, or forwarded to the Secretaries of the lodges concerned.

The statement, which under Section 81 (K) of the Constitution I am required to submit, showing detail of all monies received and disbursed and detail of the indebtedness of lodges to Grand Lodge, are included with the statements attached to the Report of the Grand Treasurer and are not duplicated in this report.

The returns on Form 42 show a gross increase in membership of 931 and a net gain of 371, compared with a gross gain of 920 and a net gain of 292 in 1953. Details and analysis follow.

Membership as at December 31st, 1953 15,176

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Additions:					
Initiations	745	729	720	691	703
Re-instatements	42	45	48	50	35
Affiliations	147	135	164	146	147
Charter Members U.D.	98	....	107	33	43
	1032	909	1039	920	928
Adjustment, add			2		3
			1041		931
Removals:					
By Demit	180	222	188	213	190
Suspended N.P.D.	113	112	95	108	102
Suspended U.M.C.	1	1	....	....	1
By Death	244	210	259	301	267
	538	545	542	622	560
Adjustments, less	5	18	....	6	....
Net Increase	489	346	499	292	371

Membership as at December 31st, 1954 15,547

The following table shows the Degrees conferred in the various lodges for the past five years:

Entered Apprentice	745	729	720	691	703
Fellow Craft	747	704	724	673	688
Master Mason	680	750	732	697	678
	2339	2172	2183	2176	2069

Suspension, N.P.D.:

63 lodges have no suspensions for Non-payment of Dues (67 in 1953).

52 lodges have 102 suspensions for Non-payment of Dues (47 lodges showed 108 members in 1953).

Suspension, U.M.C.:

There was one suspension for Unmasonic Conduct in 1954 (none in 1953).

Membership:

66 lodges show an increase in membership, compared to 62 in 1953.

34 lodges show a decrease in membership, compared to 45 in 1953.

15 lodges show a membership unchanged, compared to 5 in 1953.

14 lodges had no Initiations, compared to 13 in 1953.

10 lodges conferred no Degrees at all, compared to 11 in 1953.

It will be noticed that the total suspensions N.P.D. for the last five years are 530 and for the same period a total of 220 Re-instatements, an average net loss of 62 per annum due to non-payment of dues. I draw attention to this because on Form 20 filed as at December 31st, 1954 there is a sharp increase of Dues in Arrears at which date the total for our 115 lodges was $18,658.43. This would indicate a possible increase in Suspensions N.P.D. at December 31st, 1955 and I would suggest that if the situation still exists, the lodges concerned should take steps to tackle the problem NOW rather than wait until the end of the calendar year.

Further details of the lodges may be gathered from the Statistical Table which appears elsewhere in these Proceedings.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED—April 1st, 1954 to March 31st, 1955:

	1953-54	1954-55
To hold joint installation of Officers	12	13
To attend Divine Service in Regalia	48	56
To change Lodge premises	6	9
To change place of meeting	12	2
Special Election and Installation of Officers	12	6
To confer Degrees after receiving Waivers	10	9
To hold District Meetings	11	11
Conferring Degrees within specified time	2	3
Waiving residence qualifications	1	0
Special emergent meetings	0	2
To hele infraction of Constitution	1	0
To change date of regular meeting	0	8
To change hour of regular meeting	0	2
To receive nomination for D.D.G.M.	0	1
To extend time of Dispensation for lodge under Dispensation	0	1
	115	123

AMENDMENTS TO LODGE BY-LAWS:

Regular Meetings	Lodges No. 39, 62, 63, 74, 77, 87, 94, 104, 112, 120, 134.
Committees	Lodges No. 10, 104, 146, 153.
Honorary Membership	Lodge No. 104.
Life Membership	Lodges No. 1, 101, 104.
Election of Officers	Lodge No. 10.
Funds of Lodge	Lodges No. 1, 3, 62, 115, 118, 162.
Dues	Lodges No. 1, 11, 75, 118, 127, 140, 142.
Business Routine	Lodges No. 1, 153.
Complete Revision	Lodges No. 12, 14, 24, 86, 92, 121, 167.

In comparing Lodge By-laws with statistics furnished on Form 20, there are twelve lodges charging either fees or dues which do not agree with the amounts specified in the copy of By-laws which we have on file and replies received so far to our enquiry, would indicate that some of our

lodges overlook Section 113 of the Constitution which requires all amendments to be submitted for approval by the Grand Master before they can become effective. This oversight was probably due to change in Secretaries, however, I cannot over-emphasize that they make themselves thoroughly familiar with the requirements of the Constitution and their By-laws, and when in doubt never hesitate to contact the Grand Secretary's Office for advice.

CHARTERS ISSUED:

By authority of Grand Lodge at its Communication held on June 2nd and 3rd, 1954, the following Charters have been issued:

Marquette Lodge No. 21 situate in the City of Portage la Prairie, issued on June 2nd, 1954 and the Lodge, Constituted, Consecrated and re-established on August 30th, 1954 by the M.W. Grand Master.

Menorah Lodge No. 167 situate in the Municipality of East Kildonan, issued on June 2nd, 1954 and the Lodge Constituted and Consecrated on September 1st, 1954 by the M.W. Grand Master.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: There were no changes in appointments of Grand Representatives during the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The only item of unfinished business from the previous Annual Communication is the Report of the Committee on Re-Allocation of Lodges to Masonic Districts.

VISITING THE SICK: During the year there have been 34 requests from lodges outside the Winnipeg area for visitations to be made to their members while confined by illness in the Winnipeg hospitals. These have been rotated among the lodges in the Greater Winnipeg area and I now take this opportunity to thank them for the fine service they have rendered.

COURTESY DEGREES: During the year we made arrangements for the conferring of the Fellow Craft or Master Mason, or both Degrees on thirty-seven candidates, twenty-three of them on behalf of other Grand Jurisdictions whose candidates had been transferred into Manitoba by their employer or the Armed Forces.

During the same period we requested other Grand Jurisdictions to confer degrees on fourteen of our candidates, for this reason we appreciate having the opportunity to reciprocate.

LODGE SECRETARIES: Following the precedent of January 1954 and at the request of some of the Secretaries, I again, on January 28th, 1955, held an informal meeting with the Secretaries of the Greater Winnipeg lodges to which I also invited the Secretaries of Lisgar, Stonewall, Stony Mountain, Transcona and Ophir Lodges, for the purpose of discussing their problems as related to the Grand Secretary's Office, or one with the other. There were twenty-five present and the general opinion was that these meetings fill a real need and they requested one be held annually.

Following the experience in Winnipeg, I endeavored to have an informal discussion with the Secretaries of lodges in the rural areas between the afternoon and evening sessions of the District Meetings. However, due to the majority of the Secretaries not being present at that time it was only successful on one occasion. I believe, however, that by making arrangements with the Secretaries in advance a better attendance could be assured.

On June 9th and 10th, 1954, I accompanied the Grand Master to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta at Edmonton,

where I was conferred with the honorary rank of Past Grand Master. On June 16th and 17th, 1954, for the third time I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon. On August 17th and 18th, 1954, with the Grand Master, I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana at Great Falls where I received the honorary rank of Past Grand Master, and on March 23rd and 24th, 1955, I accompanied the Grand Master to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at St. Paul. I appreciate very much the distinction awarded to me by the two Grand Lodges referred to and also the opportunity given me by all of them to return and make new friends as well as to further cement the friendships made on previous occasions.

CONFERENCES:

During the year I attended the following Conferences:

September 9th, 10th and 11th, 1954, the Fourteenth Annual Inter-Provincial Conference of the Officers of the Four Western Grand Jurisdictions at Banff, Alberta.

February 17th, 18th and 19th, 1955, the Fourth Biennial Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges of Canada, at Toronto.

February 22nd to 24th, the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the U.S.A.; the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Grand Secretaries' Conference at Washington.

Following the custom of former years, copies of topics discussed at Banff were forwarded to every constituent lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, from which, I am sure, the Masters can obtain material for similar discussions at their meetings.

Many ideas were obtained at these Conferences which in due time will no doubt be interwoven with our own Educational Programme.

AREA MEETINGS:

I attended Area Meetings at Boissevain on April 29th, and at Selkirk on May 3rd last, where in each case I had the privilege of speaking with respect to the "Function and Work of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes" and thus hope that I was able to give those present a better understanding of their share in the operation of Grand Lodge.

In addition, I attended with the M.W. Grand Master at all District Meetings (except the First Masonic District at which time I was indisposed) as well as many other events, such as 25th, 50th and 75th Anniversaries, and Official Visits, including the annual visit to Fort Prince of Wales Lodge No. 161 at Churchill, The Pas Lodge No. 124, Flin Flon Lodge No. 153, from September 20th to 27th, and Rice Lake Lodge No. 157 at Bissett on March 4th last. Wherever time was available, I was accorded the opportunity to speak on the various aspects of the operation of Grand Lodge.

Once again, I wish to express my appreciation to the Secretaries of Constituent Lodges for their co-operation in regard to submitting reports and replying to correspondence. It is the type of co-operation that we have been receiving which makes it such a pleasure to serve.

In concluding this, my third report, I would once again express my thanks to the Committee on Finance, who are always available and ready with advice when needed; to all Grand Lodge Officers and members of the

Board for their assistance. Also to my assistant, Miss Margaret Anderson and to the Executive Secretary W. Bro. M. G. McKenzie for their continued willing co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. C. JACKSON,
Grand Secretary.

This report was presented by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother T. C. Jackson (3) who moved that it be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report. Seconded by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) and Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

On behalf of the Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) presented the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Grand Treasurer presents the following statements covering transactions for the year ending March 31st, 1955.

General Fund:
Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable

Benevolent Endowment Fund:
Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure

Beneficiary Fund:
Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure
Schedule "2"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments

Flood Fund (now Disaster Relief Fund):
Exhibit "G"—Balance Sheet

War Effort Fund:
Exhibit "H"—Balance Sheet

Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund:
Exhibit "I"—Balance Sheet

Exhibit "K"—Consolidated Balance Sheet

All accounts have been audited and found correct by the Grand Lodge Auditors whose certificate is attached hereto.

The finances of Grand Lodge are in a healthy condition, all insurance policies are up-to-date, our investments are in order with interest collected and deposited. There was an exchange of bonds made during the year

which will be reported by the Committee on Investments. The Auditors' Report and Statement will give all details of the financial aspect of Grand Lodge.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Grand Secretary, his staff and all my brethren for their co-operation, and for the fellowship I have found throughout the whole Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

W. PERCY WHITE,
Grand Treasurer.

R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) moved that the report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) and Carried.

April 6, 1955

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

In accordance with your instructions we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1955, and now present the undernoted Financial Statements.

General Fund:
Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:
Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.

Beneficiary Fund:
Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "2"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.

Flood Fund (Now Disaster Relief Fund):
Exhibit "G"—Balance Sheet.

War Effort Fund:
Exhibit "H"—Balance Sheet.

Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund:
Exhibit "I"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "K"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Cash in Bank:
The balances in Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:
The securities representing the investments were inspected and found in order.

Yours truly,

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND
As at March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Current:	
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$11,203.80
Cash on Hand (Petty)	100.00
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	227.65
	$11,531.45
Inventories:	
Supplies and Stock	3,681.75
Investment:	
Government of Canada Bonds 1966—3% (Par Value $10,000.00)	10,500.00
Equipment:	
Furniture and Fixtures Regalia Library and Fixtures Valued at	1.00
	$25,714.20

SURPLUS

Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	$25,714.20

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1955, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the Corporation as at March 31, 1955.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 6, 1955.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31, 1955

INCOME

Dues	$22,430.25
Initiations	1,404,00
M.M. Certificates	1,393.00
L.M. Certificates	186.00
P.M. Certificates	85.00
Dispensat' ns	150.00
Bond Interest	300.00
Stock	772.64
Fidelity Bond	.25
Administration (Benevolent Fund)	300.00
	$27,021.14

EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Honorariums	$9,800.00	
Grand Lodge Communication	4,037.49	
Masonry in Manitoba	2,654.17	
Annuities	517.52	
Library Maintenance	1,393.43	
Rent	1,537.50	
Grand Master	921.65	
Northern Trip	442.70	
Board Meetings	800.15	
Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers	322.87	
Consecration and Constitution	15.00	
Area Meetings	856.52	
Stationery, Office Expense and Supplies	637.62	
Regalia G.M. and Officers	275.30	
Furniture and Fixtures	179.10	
Conferences:		
Banff $411.45		
Washington 327.24		
	738.69	
Audit	400.00	
Postage and Express	516.29	
Certificates, M.M.	53.35	
Telephone and Telegraph	152.20	
Committee Meetings	115.05	
Flowers	27.90	
Jewels, 50 Year	275.00	
Masonic Relief Association	108.95	
Insurance	231.02	
Unemployment Insurance	102.96	
Exchange	37.60	
Safety Deposit Box	25.00	
Miscellaneous	165.75	27,340.78
Excess of Expenditure over Income		$ 319.64
Surplus as at March 31, 1954		26,033.84
Surplus as at March 31, 1955		$25,714.20

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

GENERAL FUND

As at March 31, 1955

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Cr.
4.	St. John's	$ 3.75	
6.	Emerson	2.50	
8.	King Solomon	.75	
10.	Northern Light	1.00	
12.	Stonewall	1.00	
13.	Morden	3.50	
14.	Prince of Wales	9.00	
15.	Corinthian	2.50	
27.	Glenwood	3.25	
30.	Manitou	8.00	
36.	Doric	3.85	
43.	Lebanon	.....	$20.60
48.	Glenboro	16.25	
49.	Temple	.....	4.25
68.	Vermillion	14.85	
70.	Shiloh	9.50	
71.	Crystal	.....	.75
74.	Elkhorn	.50	
75.	Gothic	9.00	
84.	Hamiota	6.25	
90.	Midlothian	.....	2.75
92.	Shoal Lake	.20	
94.	Hiram	.....	3.00
100.	Robbie Burns	.....	5.70
101.	Binscarth	5.00	
102.	Miniota	15.00	
103.	Crescent	.25	
104.	Reston	.....	2.50
107.	Lansdowne	2.30	
108.	Union	1.00	
109.	Swan Lake	.60	
110.	Kilwinning	6.00	
111.	Acacia	9.00	
113.	Tweed	4.00	
116.	St. Andrew's	.....	1.00
122.	Roblin	1.00	
124.	The Pas	20.30	
125.	Patricia	.60	
126.	Favel	6.65	
131.	Kildonan	1.00	
133.	McCreary	17.90	
136.	Capital	26.00	
137.	Lord Selkirk	5.30	
138.	Windsor	1.90	
	Carried Forward	$219.45	$40.55

Schedule "1"

(Continued)

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Cr.
	Brought Forward	$219.45	$40.55
139.	Beaver	24.00	
141.	Tuscan	.50	
142.	Harmony	2.50	
144.	Fort Osborne		1.00
146.	Fidelity	.75	
150.	Cartwright	4.00	
151.	The Dormer	6.30	
153.	Flin Flon		9.15
154.	Pine Falls	3.50	
156.	Manitouwapa	2.50	
157.	Rice Lake	5.50	
160.	Starbuck	.50	
161.	Fort Prince of Wales		.50
163.	Charleswood	6.85	
165.	Friendship	2.50	
		$278.85	$51.20
		51.20	
		$227.65	

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE SHEET

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 3,577.69
Investments:	Par Value		
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 31,500.00	$ 31,376.25	
Government of Canada Bonds	158,900.00	158,472.26	
Canadian National Railway Bonds	27,000.00	27,098.75	
City of Winnipeg Debentures	37,000.00	34,780.00	
Ontario Hydro Electric	59,000.00	59,011.25	
Manitoba Hydro Electric	23,500.00	23,558.75	
			334,297.26
			$337,874.95

SURPLUS

Surplus (Per Exhibit "D")	$337,874.95

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1955, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31, 1955.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 6, 1955.

Exhibit "D"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

For the year ended March 31, 1955

INCOME

Donations, Lodges	$ 625.09
Life Members Fees	925.00
Premium on Bond Matured	6.30
Profit on Bonds Sold	2,016.25
	$ 3,572.64

EXPENDITURE

Exchange	.90
Excess of Income over Expenditure	$ 3,571.74
Surplus as at March 31, 1954	334,303.21
Surplus as at March 31, 1955	$337,874.95

Exhibit "E"

BALANCE SHEET

BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce:			
Savings Account		$ 3,626.40	
Current Account		842.95	
			$ 4,469.35
Interest Accrued on Bonds Purchased			287.34
Investments:	Par Value		
Government of Canada Bonds	$38,900.00	$38,843.75	
Province of Manitoba	10,000.00	10,125.00	
Canadian National Railway	7,000.00	6,973.75	
			55,942.50
			$60,699.19

SURPLUS

Surplus (Per Exhibit "F")	$60,699.19

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1955, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31, 1955.

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ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants

Winnipeg, Man., April 6, 1955.

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

BENEFICIARY FUND

For the year ended March 31, 1955

INCOME

Interest—Bonds and Debentures:		
Endowment Fund	$10,653.54	
Beneficiary Fund	1,693.25	
		$12,346.79
Interest—Bank		41.40
		$12,388.19

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "2")	$15,193.48	
Postage, Printing and Stationery	300.00	
		15,493.48
Excess of Expenditure over Income		$ 3,105.29
Surplus as at March 31, 1954		63,804.48
Surplus as at March 31, 1955		$60,699.19

Schedule "2"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND PAYMENTS

For the year ended March 31, 1955

No.	Name of Lodge	Case No.	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert's	347	$160.00
1.	Prince Rupert's	378	245.03
1.	Prince Rupert's	400	245.00
2.	Lisgar	268	125.15
2.	Lisgar	387	365.15
2.	Lisgar	407	485.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	232	185.15
3.	Ancient Landmark	345	210.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	374	245.00
4.	St. John's	302	125.00
4.	St. John's	397	485.00
7.	Assiniboine	420	105.15
10.	Northern Light	316	245.00
14.	Prince of Wales	348	140.00
24.	Neepawa	307	125.15
24.	Neepawa	399	485.15
24.	Neepawa	398	485.15
39.	Birtle	389	185.00
40.	Deloraine	396	365.15
43.	Lebanon	341	305.15
44.	Oak Lake	394	365.00
44.	Oak Lake	405	305.00
68.	Vermillion	380	245.15
71.	Crystal	418	230.15
84.	Hamiota	310	245.00
90.	Midlothian	323	245.15
90.	Midlothian	373	245.15
92.	Shoal Lake	404	365.00
93.	King Edward	364	305.00
93.	King Edward	375	605.00
93.	King Edward	412	365.00
100.	Robbie Burns	291	365.15
103.	Crescent	350	365.15
104.	Reston	419	75.00
108.	Union	415	245.15
111.	Acacia	376	365.00
113.	Tweed	365	125.15
113.	Tweed	393	245.00
113.	Tweed	421	75.00
114.	"The Assiniboine"	422	20.00
119.	Norwood	124	125.00
119.	Norwood	318	125.15
119.	Norwood	388	365.00
120.	Penza	414	365.15
124.	The Pas	401	365.15
129.	Shellmouth	409	125.15
	Carried forward		$12,188.18

Schedule "2"
(Continued)

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND PAYMENTS

For the year ended March 31, 1955

No.	Name of Lodge	Case No.	Amount
	Brought forward		$12,188.18
131.	Kildonan	406	185.00
134.	Stony Mountain	355	365.00
134.	Stony Mountain	392	305.00
137.	Lord Selkirk	367	245.00
139.	Beaver	381	125.00
140.	Meridian	416	225.00
146.	Fidelity	410	365.00
146.	Fidelity	417	335.15
148.	Seven Oaks	368	125.00
151.	The Dormer	386	365.00
153.	Flin Flon	352	365.15
			$15,193.48

Exhibit "G"

FLOOD RELIEF (NOW DISASTER RELIEF FUND)

BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 586.32
Investments:			
Government of Canada Bonds:	Par Value	Cost	
1959—3%	$5,000.00	$4,862.50	
1962—3%	5,000.00	4,750.00	
1963—3%	5,000.00	4,700.00	
1966—3%	5,000.00	4,643.75	
1979—3¼%	4,000.00	4,000.00	22,956.25
			$23,542.57

SURPLUS

Surplus as at March 31, 1954		$22,870.13	
Add:			
Interest, Bonds	$ 692.06		
Interest, Bank	4.38		
Profit on Sale of Bonds	51.00		
		747.44	
		$23,617.57	
Deduct:			
Expense (Relief)		75.00	
Surplus as at March 31, 1955			$23,542.57

Exhibit "H"

WAR EFFORT FUND
BALANCE SHEET
As at March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$105.73
Investment:		Par Value	
Government of Canada Bond 1963—3%		$800.00	752.00
			$857.73

SURPLUS

Surplus as at March 31, 1954		$832.95	
Add:			
Bank Interest	$ .78		
Bond Interest	24.00		
		24.78	
Surplus as at March 31, 1955			$857.73

Exhibit "I"

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD DISASTER FUND
BALANCE SHEET
As at March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 956.77
Investments:	Par Value		
Government of Canada Bonds			
1979—3¼%	$14,000.00	$14,000.00	
Interest Accrued		6.23	
			14,006.23
			$14,963.00

SURPLUS

Surplus as at March 31, 1954		$ 5,516.85	
Add:			
Donations	$ 9,437.87		
Bank Interest	38.45		
		9,476.32	
		$14,993.17	
Deduct:			
Exchange	$ 18.17		
Expense	12.00		
		30.17	
Surplus as at March 31, 1955			$14,963.00

Exhibit "K"

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce		$ 20,899.66	
Cash on Hand		100.00	
Accounts Receivable		227.65	
			$ 21,227.31
Inventory Supplies and Stock			3,681.75
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures, Regalia, Library and Fixtures Valued at			1.00
Investments:	Par Value		
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 41,500.00	$ 41,501.25	
City of Winnipeg Debentures	37,000.00	34,780.00	
Government of Canada Bonds	246,600.00	245,524.26	
Canadian National Railway Bonds	34,000.00	34,072.50	
Ontario Hydro Electric	59,000.00	59,011.25	
Manitoba Hydro Electric	23,500.00	23,558.75	
	$441,600.00	$438,448.01	
Interest Accrued		293.57	
			438,741.58
			$463,651.64

SURPLUS

Surplus:		
General	$ 25,714.20	
Endowment	337,874.95	
Beneficiary	60,699.19	
Disaster Relief Fund	23,542.57	
War Effort	857.73	
Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund	14,963.00	
Total Surplus as at March 31, 1955		$463,651.64
		$463,651.64

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1955, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31, 1955.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 6, 1955.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Foreign Relations submits the following report.

Since this Committee reported to the Grand Lodge a year ago, there has been little improvement in the conditions confronting many of the Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal relationship.

In at least two Grand Jurisdictions, grave difficulties have overtaken the devoted brethren in their labors to maintain harmony and regularity in their Grand Lodges.

The quiet, peaceful progress of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction makes it difficult to realize the forces that are in the world, whose aim is to destroy our beloved Craft.

In many parts of the free world, brethren who ask only the freedom to practice Freemasonry in peace and harmony are beset with powerful forces of intolerance and evil.

Their difficulties awaken in our hearts, expressions of sincerest fraternal sympathy and kindle a feeling of warm admiration for the loyalty and devotion their labors express.

During the past year, requests to enter into fraternal relationship and exchange of Representatives were received from the United Grand Lodge of Germany and the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel. Your Committee is deeply conscious of the problems opposing these two Grand Bodies and the obvious difficulties the brethren are encountering in re-establishing Freemasonry in their respective Jurisdictions.

While extending our warmest fraternal sympathy and goodwill, your Committee feels that further study should be given these requests for Fraternal intercourse and therefore recommend that no final action be taken at this time.

It has long been felt that the Title of this Committee, namely, "The Committee on Foreign Relations" has been misleading and did not express either its duties or the subject matter referred to it for consideration.

Your Committee therefore has caused an amendment to be submitted to this Grand Lodge for consideration and action, and if approved, to change the name of this Committee to "The Committee on External Relations."

Approved by the full Committee, and

Respectfully submitted,

FRED H. BLYTHE,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7) and Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence begs to submit its Annual Report for the year ended March 31st, 1955.

During the year, your Committee held three meetings to consider new applications and review renewals. Of the Fifty Beneficiaries as at April 1st, 1954, two have been removed by death and seven new cases have been added, making a total of Fifty-five Beneficiaries as at March 31st, 1955, an increase of five as compared with March 31st, 1954.

Your Committee is again pleased to report that funds available for Benevolence are such as to enable us to deal generously with those in need of financial assistance.

The amount of monies expended during the fiscal year was $15,193.48, as compared with $14,493.30 for the previous year, an increase of $700.18. While the amount expended during the year is considerably more than the revenue received through interest on bonds of the Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary Fund, there is still a substantial balance remaining in the Beneficiary Fund to meet necessary demands for assistance.

Your Committee acknowledges with grateful thanks, donations during the year and placed to the credit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund, as follows:

Through Constituent Lodges and Brethren	$625.09	
Through Life Membership Fees	925.00	
		$1,550.09

Lodges:		Miscellaneous:	
1. Prince Rupert's	$120.00	Fifth Masonic District	$138.00
14. Prince of Wales	50.00	Bro. Thos. Gibson (4)	10.00
24. Neepawa	25.00	M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)	19.75
119. Norwood	25.00	Bro. E. H. Rasmussen (St. Paul, Minn.)	4.49
120. Penza	24.85	V.W. Bro. N. Rothstein (141)	25.00
133. McCreary	25.00		
134. Stony Mountain	10.00		$625.09
148. Seven Oaks	25.00		
151. The Dormer	50.00		
153. Flin Flon	50.00		
154. Pine Falls	75.00		
157. Rice Lake	48.00		

Your Committee is pleased to advise that the usual $5.00 cheques were sent to all Beneficiaries at Christmas.

Your Committee wishes to call to the attention of Masters and Secretaries of constituent lodges, the importance of adhering to the regulations as defined in Section 11 B (3) of the Constitution respecting grants to Beneficiaries and particularly to notify the Grand Secretary of full details with regard to renewals, removals and new applications.

As pointed out in this report, the monies received from interest on bonds of the Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary Fund

are not sufficient to meet the payments to Beneficiaries, making it necessary to draw on the reserves in the Beneficiary Fund. While such reserves, at our present rate of spending will take care of our needs for at least ten years, your Committee feels that an effort should be made to have our Benevolent Endowment Fund assets at least $500,000.00 and this can be made possible if our constituent lodges would give consideration to an annual grant to this Fund. If the members would refer to the Auditor's Statement, they would see that the amount required to meet the objective would be approximately $160,000.00.

While it is true that many of our constituent lodges are setting up their own Benevolent Funds to provide relief when needed, this in many cases, is only supplementary to that which is also provided through the Grand Lodge Beneficiary Fund, and it is in order that we, as a Fraternal Body, may be in a position to meet such demands, that this recommendation is made at this time.

In conclusion, your Committee has endeavored to administer the Fund so those in need have been and are amply provided for.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY CODDINGTON,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1) who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans (113) announced that the reception of Distinguished Guests, and of the Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, would take place at the Evening Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Afternoon Session was adjourned at 4.20 p.m. to be resumed at 8.00 o'clock in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st, 1955

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters entered the Grand Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the Processional Hymn "Not Alone for Mighty Empire."

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans.

MOTION RE HONORARY RANK

The following motion was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) seconded by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1) and unanimously carried:

Section 4 of our Constitution gives Grand Lodge authority to confer upon brethren who have rendered distinguished service to the Craft, Honorary Rank in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. Einar W. Johnson
Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota

M.W. Bro. Leroy E. Matson
Immediate Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota

M.W. Bro. Glen C. Hulett
Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Dakota

who by their service to Masonry in general, their faithful attendance at our Annual Communications for three or more years, and their efforts to maintain that Spirit of International Goodwill which has long existed between our Grand Jurisdictions can justly be designated as having rendered distinguished service.

I would therefore move that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby confer on M.W. Bro. Einar W. Johnson, M.W. Bro. Leroy E. Matson and M.W. Bro. Glen C. Hulett, the Rank of HONORARY PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

A Guard of Honor, a detail of brethren who are members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were piped into the Grand Lodge Room by Bro. Pipe Major J. Reay (93), and Bro. Piper Murdo MacLeod (25) and lined the two sides of the room.

At the direction of the M.W. Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies retired and re-entered to escort our Distinguished Guests into Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario)
R.W. Bro. John Ness, P.D.D.G.M.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27)

Grand Lodge of Alberta
M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, I.P.G.M.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141)

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan
M.W. Bro. R. E. Partridge, Grand Master
Introduced by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)

Grand Lodge of Minnesota
M.W. Bro. W. L. Hillyer, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. L. E. Matson, I.P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. L. H. Colson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. E. W. Johnson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. R. W. Stanford, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. O. L. Danek, D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. D. E. Palmer, Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. C. M. Norton, Director, Masonic Service
Introduced by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)

Grand Lodge of North Dakota
M.W. Bro. E. D. Nelson, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. E. J. Franta, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. C. M. Pollock, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. G. C. Hulett, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. J. A. Stormon, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. H. S. Pond, P.G.M., Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. J. C. McCormick, S.G.W.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)

Grand Lodge of South Dakota
M.W. Bro. S. C. Voorhees, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. R. R. Twamley, P.G.M.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)

Grand Lodge of Virginia
M.W. Bro. Hugh M. Reid, P.G.M., Grand Rep. of Manitoba
Introduced by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (21)

These guests were received with Grand Honors and were welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master who expressed his delight at receiving such a large body of distinguished brethren to this Communication.

Our visitors, along with their sponsors were then invited to seats in the Grand East.

FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Bearers then entered Grand Lodge. Bro. J. B. Thorpe (130) (Cpl. R.C.M.P.) carrying the Stars and Stripes and Bro. H. S. Stillborn (29) (Cpl. R.C.M.P.) carrying the Union Jack. The flags were presented at the Altar, after which they were carried to the Grand East where they were deposited to remain for the duration of the Sessions.

The brethren sang one verse each of "God Save the Queen" and the "Star Spangled Banner," the Flag Bearers and Guard of Honor were then piped out, retiring from the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

At the request of M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans, Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) escorted the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24) to the Grand East. Here M.W. Bro. Evans presented to R.W. Bro. Irwin his Commission as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Argentina near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Director of Ceremonies presented the Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdiction, who in turn presented greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodges they represent.

The Grand Master, requested the Representatives to convey our kindest fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodges they represented.

Alberta	R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr
Alpina (Switzerland)	M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni
Argentina	R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin
Arkansas	W. Bro. G. H. Lucas
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
Colombia	R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann
Colorado	R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
Costa Rica	R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd
Delaware	W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman
Denmark	V.W. Bro. W. C. Birt
District of Columbia	W. Bro. A. C. Cabel
England	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Georgia	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan
Idaho	W. Bro. S. J. Sametz
Indiana	R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Iowa	M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran
Ireland	M.W. Bro. H. Coddington
Kansas	R.W. Bro. J. Cuthill
Kentucky	R.W. Bro. J. D. McKinlay
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole
Massachusetts	V.W. Bro. P. G. Hawkins
Mexico, Y.G.L.	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Michigan	R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe
Mississippi	R.W. Bro. J. R. Glenn
Missouri	M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson
Nebraska	V.W. Bro. N. Rothstein
Netherlands	R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover
Nevada	R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat
New Brunswick	W. Bro. R. A. McKenzie
New Hampshire	R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions
New Jersey	R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein
New Mexico	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New South Wales	W. Bro. I. Zipursky
New Zealand	M.W. Bro. S. Burland
North Carolina	R.W. Bro. Robt. Peel
North Dakota	M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
Norway	Bro. Walle Larsson
Ohio	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
Panama	W. Bro. W. Dalzell
Philippine Islands	R.W. Bro. J. Livesey
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Prince Edward Island	R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes
Quebec	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
Rhode Island	M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. H. L. Morrow
Santa Domingo	R.W. Bro. E. L. White
Saskatchewan	M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
Sao Paulo	R.W. Bro. E. B. Litz
Tasmania	V.W. Bro. T. L. Dodsworth
Tennessee	M.W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing
Vermont	R.W. Bro. F. K. Purdie
Virginia	V.W. Bro. C. Hyde
Victoria	R.W. Bro. A. R. Dick
Washington	R.W. Bro. G. R. Mackay
West Virginia	W. Bro. B. S. Parker
Western Australia	V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158) speaking on behalf of all the Grand Representatives present, stated they all realized their duty and responsibility and would do all in their power to cement and further the cause of Freemasonry throughout the world.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

The following report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was presented by the Chairman of the Committee and Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. J. E. Cooper (109):

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is fitting that we should pay our respect to those brethren, who during this past Masonic year have been transferred to the higher realm of activity.

According to the Volume of the Sacred Law, man is made in the image of God, and we know that God lives eternally. Thus in each of us He has implanted a deep instinct which tells us that beyond this life on earth, there is a richer and more abundant life. Through all ages and among all peoples, men have held fast to this hope, and, knowing that this instinct has been given by God, have been certain that it is destined to fulfilment.

So it is, that in our hearts, we think of our brethren who have gone from us, not as forever lost from us, but awaiting us in the Lodge on High, "the house not made with hands but eternal in the heavens."

We recall that once, these brethren were "raised" to a new life, and they realized that they were at last admitted into the full and happy fellowship of the lodge. Now they have been raised to a still higher life, and there too, we can think of them in the presence of the Most High, as being welcomed into the glad and happy fellowship of all those who, following the way of truth, have gone on before.

To us they have left not merely a memory, but an influence that abides, strengthening us and inspiring us to sincerity of purpose in that cause which they nobly pursued during their course on earth. Let us endeavor with fervency and zeal, to continue the work where they left off.

It is with this hope of Eternal Life in our hearts that we place in the records of our Annual Proceedings the names of sixteen Past Grand Officers and 251 members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who have been called to their Eternal Dwelling Place.

Prayer:

Great Eternal Spirit, we give Thee thanks for the friendship and comradeship we enjoyed with these brethren who are now with Thee. May we, like them, face life and its problems with loyalty and courage, and with an ever-deepening trust in Thee. And at last, bring us to the great celestial abode, for Thy Name's sake, Amen.

Response: So mote it be.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH E. COOPER,
Chairman,
Committee on Fraternal Dead

The M.W. Grand Master called the brethren to order and while all were standing a Memorial Service paid tribute to those brethren who, during the past Masonic year have answered the call of the Supreme Grand Master to assume their labors in the Grand Lodge Above.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Allow me first to thank you for giving me the opportunity of serving as Grand Chaplain during the Masonic year 1954-1955. One never realizes fully both the opportunities and the responsibilities of any office until he is placed in it. It has been an honor and a rare privilege to serve under our present Grand Master.

It is not by accident, but by design, that provision is made in the Annual Communication of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for an address by the Grand Chaplain. His sphere has to do with those intangible, yet real basic principles of life on which rests the whole system of Freemasonry. In every Lodge, immediately in front of the Worshipful Master or over the Altar, there hangs the symbol of the Great Architect of the Universe. When we enter a Masonic Lodge we see this visible symbol of an invisible presence. Thus we are reminded that no only are we in the presence of brother Masons, but also in the presence of the first and greatest Builder—the Great Architect of the Universe.

Freemasonry seeks to know this Eternal Builder, and it is the moral and spiritual duty of every Freemason to seek to known Him, and, as far as possible, to carry out His will. This challenge must be met, and the manner in which we face it will be the measure of our usefulness and worth to Freemasonry.

The most important question ever asked of us as Freemasons is the one which we must definitely and positively answer, and which is asked of us before we proceed—even in darkness—very far in the Lodge room. We sincerely express our belief in the Divine Being. Then we are told that we have rightly placed our trust in God, and that we need not fear to go forward. In the same way we are asked to face life, with all that lies unknown before us, in confidence that we shall not be alone.

Freemasonry thus has to do with the purpose of life, and "religion is the meaning of life and can only be learned by living." The symbols of our Craft challenge us to live up to a high ideal. When we see a man wearing a Masonic emblem we have the right to expect that he will live accordingly. The people of the outside world have their concept of the standards of morality and conduct which the square and compass suggest. Woe to any member of the Craft whose behavior reflects unfavorably on the Masonic order.

Freemasonry should give its members a better understanding of religion, for religion is life lived on the highest plane—life lived at its best. Religion involves the meaning or purpose of living, "the art by which we learn how to live, how to be, how to do, how to do without, and finally how to join our fleeting lives with one vast life that moves and cannot die, the Eternal Life."

Let me refer to a significant incident related in the Old Testament. In the evening time of life, Jacob had to pass through his brother Esau's territory. He recalls the early years when he had usurped his brother's position and he is afraid. He sends his family, his servants and his cattle over the brook Jabbok and that night he is left alone. And there, in the darkness, "there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." At last the stranger said: "Let me go, for the day breaketh." But Jacob clung to him and replied: "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." The stranger is God in human form. Then he touches Jacob on the hip, and blesses him, changing his name from Jacob to Israel.

This is one of the most beautiful stories of human endeavor coming to us from the very early dawn of human struggle and development. Jacob faced serious difficulties both in the weakness of his own character and in his relationship with his fellow men. Yet through his faith he surmounted them and became a shining example of the changed man, when God had taken hold of him.

You will notice that Jacob had to prove himself worthy of the blessing before it was given to him. This is true even today. We look about the world of human relations, and many seem to be afraid. Yet surely we must realize that the Great Architect is the one who, of set purpose, is shaping the world. The field of action is in the realm of ideals. True, physical factors are important and must be considered. But the present struggle is for the control of man's mind and spirit. In that struggle is there not some portion of the field of conflict that can be held by Freemasons? Its members are pledged to sustain and keep inviolate the moral and spiritual truths committed to them. It is our duty to protect them, and it may be that we shall thus provide a rallying point for those who are discouraged. The real danger is in apathy and carelessness.

Freemasonry believes in the dignity and importance of man. As we pass along life's highway we are concerned with the varied conditions and experiences that confront us. In meeting and facing them with courage we are at the same time developing character, and this is the real value that comes from our Freemasonry.

In Robert Browning's "The Ring and the Book," he refers to the Etruscans, a people who lived in Italy on the plains of Lombardy during the eleventh century, B.C. Among them were clever goldsmiths who were able to mix gold with an alloy. This new substance could be hammered, sawn, cut or beaten into beautiful shapes by the workman. When the desired shape had been made, the workman had an acid which, when poured over the work, would remove the alloy, leaving only the gold. Browning says: "It is more than gold, it is gold with an added artistry."

You and I are passing this way only once. We mix with the alloy of time and circumstance. But some day the acid solution of death will pass over us, and then only the gold of character will be left. May we so live that this character will reveal the beauty of true artistry, fashioned by the hand of the Great Designer.

I can best sum this up in some lines from Count Tischendorf:

He leads us on,
By paths we did not know;
Upward He leads us,
Though our steps be slow:
Though oft we faint and falter on the way,
Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day;
Yet when the clouds are gone,
We know He leads us on.

He leads us on,
Through all the unquiet years;
Past all our dreamland hopes and doubts and fears
He guides our steps through all the tangled maze
Of losses, sorrows, and o'er clouded days:
We know His will is done,
And still He leads us on.

And He at last,
After the restless fever we call life;
After the aching and the pain,
The wayward struggles which have proved in vain;
After our toils are past,
Will give us rest at last.

Applause greeted the conclusion of this Address. The Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans thanked the Grand Chaplain for his inspiring message.

RECOGNITION OF MASONIC SERVICE
W.BRO. GEORGE HENRY LUCAS, RICE LAKE LODGE No. 157, BISSETT

M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans, Grand Master requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions, to present at the Altar, W.Bro. George H. Lucas, Past Master and present Secretary of Rice Lake Lodge No. 157. The presentation being effected, the Grand Master informed W.Bro. Lucas that he was conferring upon him the rank of Honorary Past District Deputy Grand Master for his outstanding service, rendered not only to his Lodge but to the Craft in general. The Grand Master said, "It is grand to see your services honored. I know the light from the symbolic torch of Freemasonry carried by you has brightened up the whole community in which you live and work."

The M.W. Grand Master then called on M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) whose remarks were as follows: "The many members of Grand Lodge who have enjoyed the warm hospitality of Rice Lake Lodge are delighted that the Grand Master and his Officers have conferred on you this outstanding distinction and all feel it is the reward of faithful service. Now it is my great pleasure to invest you with the badge of your new Office. This apron has already had fine and distinctive service in Freemasonry. Some years ago the Grand Master of that time conferred the rank of Honorary Past District Deputy Grand Master on the late R.W. Bro. Frank R. Sutton for his fine work in organizing and laying the foundation of Rice Lake Lodge, as its founding Master. At that time this apron was presented to him from those whose names appear on this flap. You have carried on the labors of R.W. Bro. Sutton and it is most fitting that this honor should fall on your shoulders. The names that appear here are very dear to you and combined with the significance of the apron itself will always have for you the warmest sentiments of pride and appreciation.

"Speaking for those who have a full understanding of your fine service, it is their earnest prayer that you may long enjoy health and strength to continue your labors in the quarries of Freemasonry and enjoy the fruits of your achievements. (This Apron was presented to R.W. Bro. Frank R. Sutton by his two Granddaughters—Bro. Lucas's own daughters, and it was so inscribed on the flap.)"

R.W. Bro. Lucas quietly and fittingly expressed his thanks for the honor conferred on him.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER JOHN R. C. EVANS

My Brethren:

This is the 80th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and to it I am happy to extend to each one of you a sincere and cordial welcome.

We have met to further the interests of our beloved Craft, and to this end I trust that our efforts in both thought and conduct may be such as to merit the divine approbation of

the Great Architect of the Universe, to Whom we give allegiance.

A year ago it was my distinct privilege and great honor to be elected to the high office of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, and now that my term of office is rapidly coming to a close, it is only fit and proper that I should present to you a brief outline of my stewardship.

This I do with a real degree of humility and with a sense of incompleteness, knowing full well that much of what I hoped to accomplish of necessity has been left undone. And yet it is with a feeling of pleasure and just pride that I rise to address you tonight; pleasure because of the happy recollections that surge in upon me as I think of the delightful experiences in which we have shared together during the past year, and pride because of the unique privileges of friendship and fellowship that have been mine to enjoy in my association with you.

The year has been a busy one, and I deeply appreciate the splendid co-operation generously given by so many in helping to meet its demands. I am indeed grateful, too, for the favor of the Great Architect of the Universe in granting the measure of health required while attempting to perform the duties assumed.

During the course of the proceedings reports will be presented by elected officers and by brethren appointed to assume the responsibilities of special duties. I am satisfied that all who have undertaken these duties and responsibilities have extended their best efforts and have carried on their work with that unique devotion characteristic of Masonic loyalty.

In the reports presented to this body of Masons, much information will be given concerning the condition of our Order here in Manitoba and elsewhere, and through them valuable suggestions will be made whereby the future of our Craft may be improved. It is our privilege and responsibility, therefore, to become well informed by giving attention to these reports, to consider well the suggestions and proposals made in the interests of the Craft, and to reach decisions as to how our combined Masonic effort may best promote the future welfare of our Order.

To this privilege and responsible undertaking let us give ourselves with good judgment, candor, fervency and zeal.

NECROLOGY

Since last we met in Grand Lodge Communication, many members of the Craft, both within our own Grand Jurisdiction and beyond its borders, have transferred their membership to the Grand Lodge Above.

While fitting reference to the passing of the brethren of our own Grand Jurisdiction will be made in the report of the "Committee on Fraternal Dead," I think it would be appropriate to pause briefly at this time to pay humble tribute to the memory of one of our own stalwart Past Grand Masters, and to record with reverence the departure of the brethren of Sister Grand Jurisdictions who, during the Masonic year, finished the work given them to do.

M.W. BROTHER NORMAN JOHN BLACK

On Sunday, May 8th, 1955, the spirit of our beloved and highly regarded M.W. Bro. Norman John Black was quietly freed from earthly care to participate in a fuller and richer experience of life in the Great Celestial Grand Lodge Above. His was a noble life lived here among us, filled even to overflowing with kind thoughts for his brethren and high hopes for his fellow men. Truly it may be said of him that he was a man of honor and conscience, preferring his duty to everything else, even to his life. And yet through it all his was a charming and gentle personality that easily inspired confidence, effectively promoted good will, and with certainty stimulated wholesome affection.

He was our Grand Master in 1932 and to his year of office he gave his all. Through his untiring efforts he did much to strengthen the bulwarks of the Order, through wise counsel he gave skilful direction to the Craft, and through his personal devotion to everything worthy of emulation he made us all feel privileged to be associated with him in Masonry.

While his going creates within us a real sense of loss, we are happy in having known him, and greatly comforted by the thought that the great Grand Lodge Above will be brighter for us in anticipation because of the prospect of being with him again.

His earthly remains were laid to rest in Brookside Cemetery on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 10th.

We record with fitting sorrow and regret the loss sustained through death by our Sister Grand Lodges:

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Mar. 19th M.W. Bro. J. Melvin Evans, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

Apr. 8th M.W. Bro. Scott E. Jameson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

May 6th R.W. Bro. Alfred Jackson David, P.D.D.G.M., P.G. Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Alberta.

June 1st M.W. Bro. Charles H. Everett, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

June 18th M.W. Bro. John Henry Cowles, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

July 10th M.W. Bro. Owen H. Williams, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

July 18th M.W. Bro. Arthur Whitehead, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Aug. 8th M.W. Bro. Loomis Baldrey, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Washington.

Aug. 23rd M.W. Bro. John Thomas Macdonald, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Aug. 30th R.W. Bro. John L. Tewksbury, P.S.G.W., Grand Lodge of Maine.

Sept. 9th M.W. Bro. Louis E. Anderson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Sept. 12th M.W. Bro. Winfield Scott Solomon, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Oct. 26th M.W. Bro. Hazen P. Cole, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Nov. 2nd M.W. Bro. John C. Wood, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Idaho.

Nov. 11th M.W. Bro. William Holbrook Brehm, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Nov. 13th R.W. Bro. Clarence J. Perham, P.S.G.W., Grand Lodge of Maine.

Nov. 22nd M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M., P.G. Secretary, Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Nov. 26th M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Nov. 30th M.W. Bro. Fred Irving Mills, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Dec. 26th R.W. Bro. Adin Loring Hopkins, P.J.G.W., Grand Lodge of Maine.

Dec. 29th M.W. Bro. Harry B. Wright, Sr., P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Dec. 31st M.W. Bro. Henry J. Law, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Delaware.

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Feb. 2nd M.W. Bro. William H. Parker, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Feb. 14th M.W. Bro. Arthur M. Hume, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Mar. 8th M.W. Bro. Theodore S. Henry, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Mar. 13th M.W. Bro. Richard A. Rowlands, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of New York.

Mar. 18th M.W. Bro. George Walter Holloway, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

Mar. 22nd M.W. Bro. Clarence Edward Michaels, Sr., P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Apr. 6th M.W. Bro. Martin Luther Fraser, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Apr. 12th M.W. Bro. Walter Livingstone Clink, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

May 2nd R.W. Bro. James Preston Bunker, P.J.G.W., Grand Lodge of Maine.

May 7th M.W. Bro. John King Irwin, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba was honored in being invited to be represented at the Annual Communications of many other Grand Lodges. Because of conflicting dates, some invitations could not be accepted. For your information, however, I am glad to record the visits actually made:

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June 8 and 9: Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota held at Deadwood, S.D.; represented by our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett.

June 8 and 9: Grand Lodge of Alberta held at Edmonton, Alta.; represented by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson.

June 14, 15 and 16: Grand Lodge of North Dakota held at Grand Forks, N.D.; represented by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray.

June 15, 16 and 17: Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan held in Saskatoon, Sask.; represented by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson.

June 30: Meeting held at the International Peace Garden; represented by the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran.

July 21: Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario held in Toronto; represented by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni.

Aug. 17 and 18: Grand Lodge of Montana held in Great Falls, Mont.; represented by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson.

Oct. 12 and 13: Grand Lodge of Illinois held in Chicago, Ill.; represented by the Grand Master.

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March 22 to 24: Grand Lodge of Minnesota held in St. Paul, Minn.; represented officially by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson and R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, Deputy Grand Master, and accompanied by M.W. Bros. Wm. Douglas, F. H. Blythe and H. H. Gray and R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein.

At all these Grand Communications the brethren from Manitoba were accorded a cordial reception and given a very warm welcome.

It is worthy of mention that while attending the Grand Lodge Communication of Minnesota, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, our Grand Historian, discovered in the archives of the Masonic Temple at St. Paul, the original petition to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for Dispensation to institute Northern Light Lodge in what was then known as Red River Settlement. This petition bears the signatures of the Charter Members of the first Masonic Lodge opened in what later became the Jurisdiction of Manitoba. We congratulate M.W. Bro. Douglas on his discovery of these valuable documents and with one accord, we tender our thanks to the brethren of Minnesota for their kind co-operation.

In addition to finding this original petition, M.W. Bro. Douglas also discovered what he had been diligently seeking for over thirty years, namely authentic information pertaining to the initiation, passing and raising of Dr. John Christian Schultz, Worshipful Master of Northern Light Lodge, when under Dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. This information reveals that W. Bro. Schultz received the three Degrees of Craft Masonry in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 of Minnesota, at St. Paul in July 1863.

I am happy to report too, that at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, three of our highly respected Past Grand Masters, namely M.W. Bros. H. H. Gray, F. H. Blythe and Wm. Douglas were honored in being elected as Honorary Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. We congratulate our brethren on this distinction and express our appreciation to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I am pleased to report that I was able to attend nine of the eleven District Meetings held within our Grand Jurisdiction this year. It is with regret to me personally that I was unable to attend the meeting of the Tenth Masonic District held at Stonewall and that of the First Masonic District held in Winnipeg. I am very pleased to report, however, that at these two meetings our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, very kindly and ably substituted for me.

A good attendance was recorded at all meetings, and a splendid spirit prevailed throughout. Reports given by the District Secretaries were well received and in the main revealed a wholesome condition in the various Districts.

The Question and Answer Period, usually conducted by our genial Deputy Grand Master, proved to be most interesting and enlightening. Without doubt these periods have won an important place in our District Meetings and merit continuation. Our Grand Secretary found opportunity at most of the meetings to present valuable items of information to the brethren regarding points pertaining to the Constitution and also regarding matters pertaining to the organization of, representation in, and the operation of, the Board of General Purposes.

It is highly important that we all should keep well informed on these matters and to our Grand Secretary we gladly voice a word of appreciation in helping us to be so.

Although time and space are limited I must express the pleasure and satisfaction that I experienced in attending the various District Meetings. The kind reception and the warm welcome given me, the stimulating fellowship that was mine to enjoy, and the inspiring thoughts expressed by so many will long remain with me in the halls of memory.

The District Meetings of the Masonic year were held as follows:

Sept. 29, 1954—Ninth Masonic District, at Grandview.

Sept. 30—Fifth Masonic District, at Newdale.

Oct. 21—Sixth Masonic District, at Melita.

Oct. 25—Third Masonic District, at Starbuck.

Oct. 27—Fourth Masonic District, at Morden.

Oct. 28—Eighth Masonic District, at Dominion City.

Nov. 3—Seventh Masonic District, at Brandon.

Nov. 10—Tenth Masonic District, at Stonewall.

Nov. 17—Second Masonic District, at Neepawa.

Nov. 29—First Masonic District, at Winnipeg.

Jan. 31, 1955—Twelfth Masonic District, at Winnipeg.

AREA MEETINGS

Endeavoring to be realistic in the matter of costs involved, and with due regard to the problems of transportation, it was decided to hold but two Area Meetings this year, the one at Boissevain on April 29th, 1955, and the other at

Selkirk on May 3rd. For the former Doric Lodge No. 36 was our host, and for the latter Lisgar No. 2.

To these two lodges we are greatly indebted, and to all who helped to plan for, or who participated in the programmes, we are genuinely grateful. Both meetings were well attended and highly successful.

Here again, as in the District Meetings, much interest centered in the Question Period, revealing that on the whole the brethren are anxious to obtain a better understanding of Masonic procedures, a clearer picture of the ritual in operation, a broader knowledge of Masonic terminology, and a more firmly grounded appreciation of Masonic philosophy. This truly is as it should be, and for the desire expressed to figuratively climb the ladder of Masonic experience we should be truly thankful.

I was pleased and proud to see so many visitors attending both District and Area Meetings. Indeed, I would go further to say that at all meetings at which I was privileged to be present, it was most stimulating to see so many in attendance. Surely this speaks well for the Masonic interest within the Craft throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, and should give us just cause for sane optimism.

CONSTITUTIONS AND CONSECRATIONS

It always is a pleasure to see new lodges formed within our Grand Jurisdiction, and a privilege for a Grand Master to share with the brethren in establishing them.

Unless unusual circumstances prevail, I believe we do a lodge an injustice to allow it to become too large. Numerical strength does not necessarily indicate Masonic strength. Indeed, I would go further to say that a large number on the register can easily become a deterrent to progress.

It was a distinct pleasure, therefore, to take part in the Constitution, Consecration and Re-establishment of Marquette Lodge No. 21 at Portage la Prairie on August 30th last, and to share in the Constitution and Consecration of Menorah Lodge No. 167 in East Kildonan, Winnipeg, on September 1st.

Both of these lodges are strongly organized, well manned, and soundly established, and undoubtedly will give a good account of themselves as the youngest members of our Masonic family in Manitoba. We wish them every success.

LODGES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE GRAND MASTER

As Masonic outposts in the north we have under the direct supervision of the Grand Master four well-organized lodges:

The Pas Lodge No. 124 situated at The Pas.

Flin Flon Lodge No. 153 situated at Flin Flon.

Rice Lake Lodge No. 157 situated at Bissett.

Fort Prince of Wales Lodge No. 161 situated at Churchill.

These lodges were visited personally and I am pleased to report favorably on the work being done.

On September 22nd, 1954, M.W. Bro. Jackson and I paid an official visit to Fort Prince of Wales Lodge at Churchill and were delighted to see such Masonic enthusiasm there. The brethren at Churchill are carrying on a splendid piece of work, notwithstanding the fact that many of their members are subject to transfer on short notice. They fraternize freely with brethren stationed in the military camp nearby and welcome to their fraternity many who, by the nature of their occupation, call in from time to time at the great northern port.

On September 25th on our return from Churchill by rail, we were joined at The Pas by our Deputy Grand Master and by our Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. C. R. Beswatherick. We had a splendid meeting with the brethren of The Pas Lodge and were pleased to see that both members and visitors had gathered in such goodly numbers.

September 26th found us with a very happy gathering of the brethren at Flin Flon, where they were celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Flin Flon Lodge No. 153. For this occasion a goodly number of Past Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge officers joined us.

We found the work of the Craft in Flin Flon to be moving along nicely in the very capable hands of W. Bro. Milton Laing, who, notwithstanding painful injuries sustained in a very serious accident some time earlier, flew from the General Hospital in Winnipeg in time to preside at the meetings. His loyalty to duty and his high regard for the responsibilities of his office will ever be a stimulating reminder to us of our own obligations and opportunities for service.

On March 4th, 1955, the Grand Secretary and I flew from Winnipeg to meet with the brethren of Rice Lake Lodge at

Bissett. Here again we were given a most cordial welcome and thoroughly enjoyed an evening of Masonic work and fellowship.

Although in a measure quite cut off from the so-called outer world, the brethren at these northern outposts are carrying on in a most commendable manner, revealing a deep sense of loyalty to the Craft, and a real desire to keep the torch of Masonic truth burning as a beacon within their respective areas.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR JEWELS

During the year a number of Fifty-Year Jewels were presented to brethren entitled to receive them. Time will not permit me to refer to all of them, but I would like to make brief mention of two occasions when jewels were presented, because of something rather unusual in each case.

On September 1st, 1954, Bro. Harry Pascoe of St. John's Lodge No. 4, Winnipeg, saw fit to travel all the way from Victoria, B.C., to have his fifty-year jewel presented to him. Truly the interest displayed by Bro. Pascoe is worthy of great praise.

The second occasion to which I refer took place in Neepawa Lodge No. 24, when W. Bro. Wm. G. Pollock was present to see his two sons receive Fifty-year jewels. Moreover, on this particular occasion three of the five brethren honored in this way had joined the Craft together fifty years before. This, to be sure, is quite unique.

Gladly do I extend sincere congratulations to all our brethren throughout our Grand Jurisdiction who have received Fifty-Year Jewels, and I trust that great joy and real satisfaction may be theirs in the thought that in each case the jewel received will serve as a happy reminder of a half century of Masonic membership and fellowship.

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June 18th R.W. Bro. William G. Shaw, Elgin Lodge No. 86, presented by M.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran at Elgin Lodge No. 86.

June 28th Bro. Frank H. Scholey, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by M.W. Bro. A. S. Robinson at Moncton, N.B.

July 21st V.W. Bro. Charles F. Hasselfield, Deloraine Lodge No. 40, presented by R.W. Bro. A. F. Johnston at Deloraine Lodge No. 40.

Sept. 1st Bro. Harry Pascoe, St. John's Lodge No. 4, presented by M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans at St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Oct. 6th W. Bro. Mark A. Woods, St. John's Lodge No. 4, presented by M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson at St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Oct. 20th W. Bro. Arthur Bertram Gardiner, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans at King Edward Lodge No. 93.

Oct. 20th W. Bro. Edgar G. Trick, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans, at King Edward Lodge No. 93.

Nov. W. Bro. James Everett Boyd, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, delivered to the widow of W. Bro. Boyd.

Nov. 3rd W. Bro. Joseph Urmy Johnson, Brandon Lodge No. 19, presented at Bro. Johnson's home by M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans.

Dec. 9th Bro. Robert J. Boyd, Oriental Lodge No. 54, presented at Bro. Boyd's home by Bro. J. G. Northam.

Dec. 14th Bro. William Lidster, Tweed Lodge No. 113, presented at Bro. Lidster's home by M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans.

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Jan. 6th Bro. William Henry Stamp, Brandon Lodge No. 19, presented by the brethren of Hollywood Lodge No. 542, California.

Jan. 29th W. Bro. Julius Leopold Rill, St. John's Lodge No. 4, presented by W. Bro. W. L. Milne at Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143, of which W. Bro. Rill is a Charter Member.

Mar. 1st Bro. Robert V. Turner, Ionic Lodge No. 25, mailed to his home in Port Hammond, B.C.

Mar. 15th M.W. Bro. Albert James Hatcher, Tweed Lodge No. 113, presented by M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans at Tweed Lodge No. 113.

Mar. 28th W. Bro. Adam Armstrong, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, presented by the late M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black at Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Apr. 1st Bro. Duncan MacPherson, Norwood Lodge No. 119, presented by R.W. Bro. B. Sorrels at Seal Beach, California.

Apr. 22nd Bro. Thomas Graafstra, Glenwood Lodge No. 27, presented by M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans, at Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

May 2nd Bro. Robert Turner, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson at Ionic Lodge No. 25.

May 2nd Bro. Samuel Jackson, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson at Ionic Lodge No. 25.

May 3rd Bro. James McMaster, Carberry Lodge No. 29, presented by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni at Carberry Lodge No. 29.

May 12th Bro. Charles Smith Unicume, Brandon Lodge No. 19, presented by M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans at Bro. Unicume's home.

May 13th Bro. John L. Watt, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, presented by R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor at Bro. Watt's home.

May 18th Bro. Israel Isaacovitch, Vermillion Lodge No. 68, presented by W. Bro. H. Stein at a meeting of Menorah Lodge No. 167.

May 18th V.W. Bro. Robert A. Gillespie, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson at King Edward Lodge No. 93.

May 18th W. Bro. Harry D. H. Campbell, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson at King Edward Lodge No. 93.

May 18th Bro. Ernest T. Bubbs, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson at King Edward Lodge No. 93.

May 18th Bro. George Wilfred Goodall, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson at King Edward Lodge No. 93.

May 18th Bro. Wm. Joseph Hollingshead, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson at King Edward Lodge No. 93.

May 18th Bro. John A. Roe, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson at King Edward Lodge No. 93.

June 1st W. Bro. Henry H. Dart, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by members of Union Lodge No. 9, New Westminster, B.C.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO CONSTITUENT LODGES

I am more than pleased to refer briefly to the official visits paid to individual lodges within our own Grand Jurisdiction.

These visits are sometimes referred to as the "ordinary" visits, and yet I hasten to stress that, from my point of view at least, they are by no means just ordinary.

As I visited the various lodges I was impressed with the very good attendance of both members and visitors, with the abundant evidence of a vigorous interest, with a genuine desire for efficiency in degree work, with an attitude of wholesome pride in belonging to our beloved Order, and with an obvious sympathetic reaction to the demands of Freemasonry in terms of life and conduct. In all this there is cause for genuine gratitude.

I was delighted that many of our Past Grand Masters were able to accompany the Grand Secretary and myself on so many visits, and that the Grand Lodge officers were well represented on most occasions. I believe that the brethren in general want to become better acquainted with the Grand Lodge officers, and that they feel a sense of just pride when the Past Grand Masters keep in close touch with them. It is gratifying, therefore, that in our Grand Lodge there is not a falling off of interest with the passing of the mantle of office.

For your information, the following is a list of official visits made during the year, to constituent lodges:

Oct. 19, 1954—Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156 at Moosehorn.

Oct. 20—King Edward Lodge No. 93, Winnipeg—50th Anniversary.

Nov. 2—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, Winnipeg—Canadian Night.

Nov. 4—Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Winnipeg—75th Anniversary.

Nov. 11—Beaver Lodge No. 139, Winnipeg.

Nov. 24—Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92, Shoal Lake—50th Anniversary.

April 6, 1955—St. John's Lodge No. 4, Winnipeg.

April 12—Kildonan Lodge No. 131, Winnipeg.

April 19—Combined Brandon Lodges, Brandon.

April 20—Stonewall Lodge No. 12, Stonewall—75th Anniversary.

April 22—Glenwood Lodge No. 27. Souris.

April 27—Binscarth Lodge No. 101, Binscarth—50th Anniversary.

May 4—Menorah Lodge No. 167, Winnipeg.

May 24—Strathcona Lodge No. 117, Belmont.

DIVINE SERVICES

It is stimulating and gratifying to note the increased interest revealed in attending divine services. These services have been held this year on the three levels of organization within our Order, namely, the constituent lodge, the district, and the Grand Lodge.

Accompanied by the Grand Secretary, other Grand Lodge officers, and many Past Grand Masters, it was my privilege to attend the service of the First Masonic District held in Grace United Church, Winnipeg, on April 24th, 1955, and that of the Twelfth Masonic District, held in First Presbyterian Church on May 1st. These services were exceptionally well attended and the messages delivered by W. Bro. W. Martin of Grace United and by W. Bro. G. McLean of First Presbyterian were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On the evening of May 8th a surprisingly large number of Masons from nearly all parts of the Province gathered in Brandon to attend a Grand Lodge Divine Service held in St. Paul's United Church. Truly, I was stimulated with wholesome pride to witness such a demonstration of interest within our membership, and was happy indeed to be one of the number. The Rev. Bro. J. C. Cronin delivered a very appropriate message, which was most sympathetically received and genuinely appreciated.

On the evening of May 23rd, accompanied by M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, I was pleased to join with the brethren of Woodworth Lodge No. 166 in a Divine Service held in the United Church of Kenton. In spite of flood conditions and bad weather, a splendid number gathered together to demonstrate their approval of holding such a service, and to profit by the stimulating message delivered by Rev. Earle Armistead.

CONFERENCES

During the year the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was represented at the following recognized conferences:

The Conference of the Four Western Grand Lodges held at Banff, Sept. 9-11, 1954.

The Fourth Biennial All Canada Conference held at Toronto, Feb. 17-19, 1955.

The Grand Master's Conference held at Washington, D.C., Feb. 21-24, 1955.

At the Banff Conference I was pleased indeed to be accompanied by our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, and by our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett. The conference had been very well organized by its highly regarded Secretary, M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis of Calgary, the papers delivered were full of interest and timely suggestion, and the fellowship engendered was most stimulating. Without doubt this conference stands high in my estimation, providing as it does an opportunity for the thorough discussion of Masonic problems and procedures, and a means of maintaining a strong and virile spirit within the four Grand Jurisdictions of Western Canada.

At the Fourth Biennial All-Canada Conference held in Toronto, I was ably supported again by our Grand Secretary and our Deputy Grand Master. The papers given were thought-provoking and the discussions associated with them were well worth while. There is something of real value to be gained by approaching our Masonic problems from an All-Canada viewpoint. It does not seem to me, however, that this conference belittles in any way the importance of our Western Canada Conference.

The Grand Masters' Conference at Washington, of necessity, is of a much larger nature. In conjunction with it this

year were held the Grand Secretaries' Conference and the Annual Meeting of Masons at the George Washington Memorial.

Because the Grand Masters' Conference is so closely associated with the annual celebration of the birthday of our most distinguished brother, George Washington, it is only natural that there should be much of local color surrounding it. There was, however, an unusually wide range of representation from outside the United States.

The occasion provided excellent opportunity to meet outstanding Masons from many parts of the world and to learn about Masonry as it is being carried on in distant lands and in other tongues.

Our Grand Lodge of Manitoba was represented at Washington by its Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and was honored in having been asked to present a brief message from Canada in reply to the Address of Welcome at the Grand Masters' Conference.

OTHER MASONIC EVENTS

I wish to report here that in addition to the meetings and Masonic gatherings already mentioned, it was my privilege and pleasure to be present at the Royal Arch Dinner given in Winnipeg on June 11th, 1954, the Royal Arch Convention held on February 9th, 1955, a special social evening held on October 22nd, 1954, in connection with the 50th Anniversary of King Edward Lodge No. 93, and a rather unusual gathering of Masons sponsored by the brethren of Miniota Lodge No. 102 for the purpose of presenting a complete District Deputy's regalia to R.W. Bro. Robert Peel.

I am happy to report, too, that Manitoba was ably represented by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray at the annual Masonic Picnic and Outdoor Tyled Lodge held at Walhalla, N.D., on July 11th, 1954.

DISPENSATIONS

In the interests of harmony and well-being 53 dispensations were authorized during the year. Inasmuch as they are listed in the Report of the Grand Secretary, no further mention will be made to them here.

OBSERVATIONS

In my travels throughout our Grand Jurisdiction this year I have made a number of observations, to which I think attention might well be drawn, such as:

1. In certain instances constituent lodges are not operating consistently with the Constitution of Grand Lodge.
2. By-laws have been changed in some lodges without having the changes recorded or approved.
3. There is considerable variation in the interpretation of the Constitution as it applies to the ritual in connection with the conferring of Degrees.
4. There seems to be a fair degree of misunderstanding as to when and under what circumstances Masonic regalia may be worn.
5. In certain instances it would seem that prejudices are still taking the place of judgment in influencing the ballot.
6. Craft Masonry appears to be used all too frequently as a mere stepping-stone to the so-called higher Degrees.

Brethren, it is not with a desire to criticize that I mention these observations, but rather in the hope that by having attention called to them, we all might work together with a greater degree of harmony and co-operation in order that Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction may go forward from strength to strength as the years pass by.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would respectfully recommend for your consideration the following:

1. That a stronger endeavor be made within our respective districts to develop talent for the office of District Deputy Grand Master.

I feel that the importance of this office might well be stressed more than it is. It is a high office, with much responsibility associated with it, and he who is elected to it should be ready and able to make a definite contribution, not merely to his own district but to the Craft as a whole.

We have been fortunate in the calibre of the men who have been elected to this office. I believe, however, that

more responsibility should be given to our District Deputies and that over a period of years ample opportunity should be given to the brethren of our constituent lodges in preparation for it.

2. That the importance of the Masonic conferences to which we send representatives should be given a more prominent place in our thinking and that some method or means be devised whereby the valuable discussions of these conferences might be used to greater advantage in our constituent lodges.

3. That an endeavor be made to bring into harmony the procedures followed in constituent lodges and the policies laid down in the Constitution of Grand Lodge covering the same, by modifying the one or the other, or both.

4. That if considered feasible without undermining the value of fellowship within constituent lodges, the practice of having several lodges join together on the occasion of an official visit of the Grand Master and his suite, especially in areas of larger Masonic population, be extended.

5. That a genuine and consistent effort be made to improve regular lodge attendance thoughout our entire Grand Jurisdiction, and that through greater participation and through other ways and means to be discovered and applied, the individual interests of every member be so stimulated and developed that it will not simply be easier for him to attend lodge, but rather much more difficult for him to stay away.

APPRECIATION AND CONCLUSION

And now, Brethren, I come to the close of this report, and with it the end of my term of office as your Grand Master. As I do so I find it extremely difficult to express adequately to you my gratitude for the support you have given me and for the privilege of experiencing that peculiar type of fellowship that can come to none other than a Grand Master.

It is a rather unique experience to which I refer; an experience in which are closely intermingled a strange feeling of authority with a responsibility for the same, an appreciation of duty together with the privileges of opportunity, and a sense of loyalty on the part of the brethren, with a happy blending of regard and even affection.

In this experience, too, there are confidences to be shared with attendant anxieties. There are high hopes with occasional disappointments. And while at times there is the joy of achievement, there is also the sorrow of bereavement.

And yet, running throughout it all as a distinct and conspicuous golden thread in a varied fabric, there is a marvellous sense of "*oneness*" with a glow of inspiration that always comes with the realization that the hearts, the minds and the hands of so many have been joined in the promotion of the Common Good.

For the privilege of having this unique experience, and for the high honor of being permitted to occupy the chair of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I sincerely thank you. Indeed, if I were to use a Churchillian expression, I would say that so many have done so much in contributing to the success of this Masonic year that I gratefully extend my thanks and appreciation to you all.

Having said that, however, and without the slightest desire to cause embarrassment, I would like to say a special word of thanks to my District Deputies for their good work throughout the year, to the Past Grand Masters for their valued counsel and advice, to the Grand Lodge officers, and others who were so kind and generous as to accompany me on my many travels, and last but by no means least, to our efficient, faithful, and highly beloved Grand Secretary and to his obliging staff, for the ready co-operation so freely given at all times.

But Brethren, we must not forget that as the past waves the future beckons, and to that beckoning hand we must now give heed, remembering with Tennyson that,

> "All experience is an arch
> Where through gleams that untravelled world
> Whose margin fades forever and forever as I move."

To pause, to gain strength or direction, to move on more effectively toward the cherished goal is good, but—

> "How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
> To rust unburnished, not to shine in use,
> As tho' to breathe were life."

Life piled on life were all too little to accomplish what needs to be done, and although the span of years be three score and ten, or even four score years or more, it is soon gone. Therefore, figuratively let us gird our loins as we

continue to climb the great mountain of Masonic truth. And in order that we may more effectively press on toward the summit, let us rededicate ourselves to the Obligations we have taken. Thus in greater strength may we serve our day and generation to the honor of Freemasonry and to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe who, having established Creation and perfected it thus far, may even now eagerly be awaiting our co-operation to crown it with the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man. I wonder!

As I have so often said, Brethren, in principle Masonry is a grand, grand thing, but in practice it can be nothing more than we make it.

Sustained applause greeted M.W. Brother Evans on the Address just delivered. It was moved by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70) and carried, that the Address of the M.W. Grand Master be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF HONORARY RANK

At the request of the M.W. Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Runions presented the following Visitors at the Altar: M.W. Bro. **Einar W. Johnson,** P.G.M. Minnesota; M.W. Bro. **Leroy E. Matson,** P.G.M. Minnesota; and M.W. Bro. **Glen C. Hulett,** P.G.M. North Dakota.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Evans informed these distinguished Brethren that our Grand Lodge had unanimously approved of the conferring upon them the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. He expressed the hope that they would attend our sessions whenever possible as we would always be glad to see them. Each in turn expressed his thanks for the honor and privilege which had been granted to him.

PRESENTATION BY M.W. BRO. W. L. HILLYER, M.W. GRAND MASTER, MINNESOTA, "THE ORIGINAL PETITION TO FORM NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE U.D. IN THE RED RIVER SETTLEMENT, 27th APRIL 1864"

M.W. Bro. W. L. Hillyer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at this time, presented to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, on behalf of his own Grand Lodge, the original Petition of the Brethren to form Northern Light Lodge U.D. in the Red River Settlement. This Petition had been suitably mounted, together with an illuminated Address, which M.W. Bro. Hillyer read as follows:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Manitoba—Greetings:

"Because of the sincere friendship and fraternal fellowship which has always characterized the Masonic relations between the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, it is our great pleasure and privilege to present to the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba, THE ORIGINAL 'Petition for Dispensation' to form a new lodge in the Red River Settlement, Rupert's Land, to be named 'NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE,' the Petition being dated 27 April 1864. It is our hope that with this document in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, it will not only find a place in your archives, but will be a lasting symbol of the close Masonic ties and warm friendship existing between our Grand Jurisdictions.

"The Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A.F. & A.M.,

"DAVID E. PALMER WILLIAM L. HILLYER
"Grand Secretary. Grand Master"

"Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, May 31st, 1955."

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Evans, thanked M.W. Brother Hillyer for allowing us to have this most important document in the history of Manitoba Freemasonry.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was then adjourned at 10.45 p.m. to reconvene at 10.30 a.m. the following morning.

Second Day

THURSDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1955

Morning Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10.30 a.m. by the Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RELIEF FUND

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Special Committee set up to administer the Masonic Disaster Relief Fund submits the following report.

During the year covered by this report, no disaster within the scope of this Fund has been reported.

At the last Grand Lodge Communication, by receiving and adopting the report and recommendation of the Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund, the Committee on the Masonic Disaster Relief Fund was empowered to administer the Funds of the Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund.

Your Committee had only one appeal on the Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund during the year, which was satisfied in full.

All monies in these two Funds have been invested by your Committee on Investments.

Fraternally submitted and approved by the whole Committee,

FRED H. BLYTHE,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) who moved that it be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141) and Carried.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC BROTHERHOOD DISASTER FUND

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Since submitting the report at the last Annual Communication, there have been 237 additional donations in the total amount of $1,094.39. This, added to the amount previously reported, makes a grand total of $15,393.67, received from 3,606 contributors, or an average of $4.27.

Fraternally submitted,

R. E. EMMETT,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121) who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141) and Carried.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals, begs to report that its work during the past year has been practically nil. This in a sense speaks well for the harmony within the Craft as no contentious matters came before your Committee.

The only task performed by your Committee during the year was to pass as to form this Spring, proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Your Grand Secretary and all the members of his office staff have been most courteous and obliging to your Chairman and the members of his Committee during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

S. HART GREEN,
Chairman.

This report was presented by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3), who moved that it be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton (159) and Carried.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Correspondence presents the Annual Review of other Grand Jurisdictions. It is hoped that the items which have been selected will afford the brethren of Manitoba a general idea of what is being done throughout the world.

Many Grand Masters are giving attention to oversize lodges and the rapid advancement through the degrees, the tightening of investigating procedure, also the importance of Masonic Education.

Libraries and Museums are receiving attention and your Committee thinks that some thought should be given to both in Manitoba as no doubt many brethren have books and articles for both, which could be donated or loaned.

It is hoped that our brethren who have access to our Proceedings will read the report, which will help them to a fuller understanding of what Masonry means to us.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH M. KERR,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr (158) who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24) and Carried.

COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry begs to submit the following report.

At 10.00 o'clock, the morning after the 1954 Communication of Grand Lodge, the District Deputy Grand Masters met with this Committee to receive instruction in their duties for the coming year. Some instructions were on printed forms, others were given verbally. We submit that this is a most important meeting and should be continued. It is also suggested that the Penalties in the Three Degrees be given most carefully to the District Deputy Grand Masters so they may carry these back to their respective Districts to be used wherever necessary. Great strides have been made in these Penalties being given properly and it is hoped that in the near future ALL lodges will have reached a uniformly high standard.

All District Deputy Grand Masters had organization meetings with the principal Officers and Secretaries of the lodges in their respective Districts. This practice also should be continued.

We would recommend that as soon as the new District Deputy Grand Masters are elected, the present District Deputy Grand Master should without fail, offer to acquaint the District Deputy Grand Master-Elect with his duties and have him accompany him on as many visits as possible thereby giving him a real conception of his responsibilities.

Eleven District Meetings were held, all, we think with good results. At some, the attendance was not up to expectancy but weather and road conditions made travel difficult. However, even with this draw-back the meetings were interesting and informative. In every instance, the message given by the M.W. Grand Master was most enthusiastically received.

The work of this Committee has been greatly hindered due to the fact that some of the District Deputy Grand Masters have been lax in sending in their reports on Forms 21 directly after a visit has been made, and also that some of the Official Visits are not completed until some time in May. We would strongly recommend that each District Deputy Grand Master plan his Official Visits to be completed at least by the end ot January. We also recommend a second and unofficial visit be paid the lodges during the latter half of his term so he may become more familiar with the work they are doing.

From the reports received this year, it would seem Freemasonry is progressing favorably in our Grand Jurisdiction. There are a few instances of course where some of the principal Officers are not able to do all the Degree work. Attendance at lodge is not as great as we would like it to be, and it has been noted that the percentage of attendance is higher in the rural lodges than in the city lodges. Visitations are being carried out by nearly all lodges.

It has been reported that some Past Masters are in the habit of doing the same portions of Work in the Degrees, allowing no opportunity for other Past Masters to learn or take part in this Work. While it is important that these older Past Masters be not discouraged, it is also important that this work be allocated among the Past Masters in each lodge. It is therefore recommended that the Masters take a firm stand on this subject and have the work in the several Degrees more equally distributed to enable all active Past Masters to take part. It is also suggested when this plan is carried out that ample notice is given to those Past Masters chosen for a specific meeting.

There is evidence of inter-lodge visiting and social affairs. Some lodges have scholarship funds, others look after unfortunates in a truly Masonic manner. Others take an active interest in their shut-ins and the widows of their deceased brethren which practice we recommend for adoption by all lodges.

The northern lodges under the direct supervision of the Grand Master are to be commended on their progress. There are many ardent members in these areas working for the good of the Craft in general and their own lodges in particular.

Although there was an excellent attendance at the Grand Lodge Communication held in 1954, we are sorry to report that 25 lodges were not represented by any of their principal officers and 31 lodges had only one of the three principal officers present. We wish to stress the fact that it is the duty of the principal officers to represent their lodges and would

recommend to the District Deputy Grand Masters-Elect during their visitations to impress upon the lodges the importance of having their three principal officers in attendance.

The Official Circular distributed in Greater Winnipeg only, has been altered slightly, by the placement of a warning in a box in the centre of the front page bringing to the attention of all who read it the fact that the information contained therein should be treated with greater secrecy.

This past year, too few of the District Deputy Grand Masters have accompanied the M.W. Grand Master on his Official Visits. Those who did attend, were inspired not only by meeting old friends and making new friends, but by the outstanding Addresses delivered by our Grand Master. This Committee recommends to each Grand Lodge Officer and District Deputy Grand Master to accompany the M.W. Grand Master on as many occasions as possible. It is realized that distance too often plays a large part in non-attendance, but a little more effort in this regard will be beneficial to all concerned.

Two Area Meetings were held this year, one at Boissevain, the other at Selkirk. Both were well attended and proved most inspiring. We trust plans will go forward for two more such meetings, next year.

While the Re-allocation of Districts does not come under the attention of this Committee, we feel the matter should be dealt with immediately in order that the uncertainty that now exists throughout the Jurisdiction be removed. We feel the development of some lodges is being retarded due to delay in finalizing the recommendations put forth by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni and his Committee.

Summarization of the reports of Lodge Secretaries at District Meetings has been criticized in some Districts. It is suggested that this be left to the individual Districts to decide, keeping in mind, the thought that if the reports are not to be summarized, they must be kept to a minimum, giving only the essential and most interesting information.

This Committee is anxious that more use be made of the Banff Conference papers forwarded to each lodge, but are gratified at the number of requests for Books received by the Grand Librarian. There is still room for improvement here—the Grand Librarian has many fine books to help the Mason in his understanding and to prepare for talks in the Lodge.

All lodge meetings should be well planned in advance in order to maintain the interest of ALL brethren and increase lodge attendance.

A study of "The Work that can be done in Lodges" has been compiled by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett. This Committee finds this a most comprehensive study and recommend that a copy be forwarded to each lodge in the Jurisdiction. While it is true, not all suggestions are possible to all lodges, this should be a good guide to the Masters in planning their meetings.

It is also recommended that additions be made to the memoranda to the District Deputy Grand Masters on their duties, and the conducting of their District Meetings. We also recommend a copy of this report be given to each District Deputy Grand Master at the meeting on the morning immediately after Grand Lodge.

This Committee expresses its thanks to the District Deputy Grand Masters, for their assistance in the past year. Our sincere thanks also to our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson, for his help and guidance and to his staff for their co-operation.

We recommend the following brethren be given the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master:

First Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Alexander Colvin Slessor
Second Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Jack Adrian Davidson
Third Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Myrton Mills
Fourth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. William James Breakey
Fifth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Sherman Hilton Dayton
Sixth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. John Gordon Cobb
Seventh Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Frederick Clayton Courtice
Ninth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Allan Doak
Tenth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Harold Kersey Hutson
Twelfth Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Thomas Wilson

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

DAVID ROTHSTEIN,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141) who moved, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), that it be adopted. Carried.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 74, Sub-section (e)—Section 75, Sub-section (e)

It was moved by M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) that Sections 74 and 75, Sub-sections (*e*) of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "Foreign Correspondence" where they appear therein and substituting therefor the words "Fraternal Reviews."

The Motion was carried.

Section 74 (*e*) would then read: "Fraternal Reviews."

Section 75 (*e*) would then read: "Fraternal Reviews"—Change of Committee name only, no change in body of sub-section (*e*).

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 74, Sub-section (j)—Section 75, Sub-section (j)

It was moved by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), seconded by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141) that Sections 74 and 75, Sub-sections (*j*) of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "Foreign Relations" where they appear therein and substituting therefor the words "External Relations."

The Motion was carried.

Section 74 (*j*) would then read: "External Relations."

Section 75 (*j*) would then read: "External Relations"—Change of Committee name only, no change in body of sub-section (*j*).

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 131

It was moved by R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7) that Section 131 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the last sentence of the Section, namely—"He shall have the custody of the bond furnished by the Secretary." This Motion was carried.

Section 131 would then read as follows: "The Treasurer shall countersign all cheques of the Lodge issued by order of the Master. He shall perform any other duties that may be assigned to him by the By-laws of the Lodge."

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 9

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), that Section 9 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following Sub-section (*a*), namely: "Notwithstanding the official designations set forth in Section 9, a brother who is entitled to a designation superior to that of the Office he occupies, shall be entitled to such superior designation." This Motion was carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 9

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4) that Section 9 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following Sub-section (*b*), namely: "The Official designation of a brother heretofore or hereafter elected to the Board of General Purposes, shall be 'Right Worshipful'." This Motion was carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Regulation No. 7

It was moved by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), seconded by R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4) that Regulation No. 7 of the Constitution be amended by deleting all those words appearing after the word "time" on the second line, namely—"and taken at least so far through the ceremony as includes the usual questions immediately after the prayer." Regulation No. 7 would then read as follows: "That in the Entered Apprentice Degree, one candidate only shall be received at one and the same time."

M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7) moved, seconded by W. Bro. S. Allen (141) an amendment, which read: "that this matter be referred to the Board of Custodians in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Constitution." During the discussion it was moved that the entire Regulation No. 7 be deleted. However, the M.W. Grand Master ruled this Motion out of order as no Notice of Motion to this effect had been submitted.

It was suggested the deletion of Regulation No. 7 could be further considered and if it was felt advisable, a Notice of Motion could be submitted at a future date. In view of this, and with the approval of the Seconder, M.W. Bro. Cole withdrew his amendment to the Motion.

The original Motion was then put to the vote and carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Regulation No. 11

It was moved by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138) that Regulation No. 11 of the Constitution be amended by the insertion of the words "and the Ceremonials" after the word "works" in the fourth line thereof. This Motion was carried.

Regulation No. 11 would then read as follows: "A Standing Committee consisting of all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master as Chairman, shall be the Custodians of the two separate Works and the Ceremonials, now in use in this Grand Jurisdiction, with power to regulate and effect all changes that may be deemed necessary."

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. Bro. R. E. Partridge, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, I.P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, presented greetings and fraternal good wishes from their respective Grand Lodges.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was adjourned at 12.05 to enable the brethren to attend the Luncheon given under the auspices of the Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

A Complimentary Luncheon was provided for the out-of-town members and the distinguished guests by the Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg, supported by the majority of the Lodges comprising the Greater Winnipeg Area.

Luncheon was served at 12.30 p.m. with the President of the Past Masters' Association, W.Bro. P. T. Houston (138) in the Chair. W.Bro. A. J. Ryckman (1) introduced the Guest Speaker, R.W. Bro. John Ness, P.D.D.G.M., Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario) who gave the following Address:

"THE DEGREE MILL"

When the economy of a country is in high gear; when jobs are plentiful; when wages are high and a man has money in his jeans, there is a natural tendency towards the portals of Masonry.

This is as it should be, for we are never tired of telling ourselves and our prospective members, that Masonry is a luxury and that a man's family and personal responsibilities should be adequately met before he is justified in making a considerable investment in an esoteric adventure.

During the post-war years, there has been a steady and at times an abnormal flow of candidates eager to participate in our mysteries and most of our Grand Jurisdictions have reported increased membership.

This has been a source of gratification to Rulers of the Craft, who have seen in it an awakened interest in our altruistic aims, as well as an opportunity of extending our benevolence and charity.

At the same time, it has given rise to criticism, both from within the Craft and without. We have been accused of merely making members, instead of Masons, and our lodges have been referred to as "Degree Mills."

While this term has been applied in a caustic or derogatory sense, we find it rather suggestive. In ancient days the Freemasons adopted the working tools and methods of the stonemason as the foundation on which to build a beautiful system of morality; might it not be in this highly mechanized era, that the mills of industry might provide us with admonition and instruction? Let us explore the possibility!

Before we start moralizing, however, I would like to make it clear that my knowledge of industry is speculative rather than operative; any similarity between what I may tell you and the *modus operandi* of industry is purely coincidental. (*Modus operandi* is a Latin phrase, meaning *modus operandi*.)

There are three prime factors in industry. These are the raw material, the mill or its equivalent, and the finished product. They bear a near affinity to three essentials in Masonry, which are, the candidates, the lodges and the Masons who graduate therefrom.

Let us hike out to Sunny Alberta for our first comparison. There, as you may have heard—for Albertans have been

known to mention it—they have "petroleum"! When this oil comes from the well it is led into a separator. This is nothing more or less than an expansion chamber where the oil, after having been cooped up in the bowels of the earth for millions of years, has its first opportunity to expand.

This brings about a natural separation between the oil and its inherent gas. The latter rises to the top of the separator and is put back into the ground under pressure, to assist in bring up more oil; the crude oil finds its way to the mill or, as it is commonly known, the refinery. A refinery is a veritable "witch's cauldron," in which the oil is subjected to intense heat and on occasion intense cold, until it is broken down into a thousand and one different products. But the refinery engineer does not merely apply heat and trust to luck. He has a "flow chart" (a ritual) which directs every step the oil must take through a complicated system of pre-heaters, bubble-towers and cracking coils, until the desired product is obtained.

The chart also indicates where, during the operations, cuts will be made from the main stream of oil and led into divers channels for the manufacture of by-products. Thus, if the end product is to be high octane gasoline, the by-products might consist of kerosene, lubricants, waxes and fuels, and the chart will designate the volume in which each product and by-product must be recovered, so the current needs of industry may be met.

All in all, the refining of oil is what Masonry might term a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline.

Now, let us take a long hop from the sediments of Alberta to the hard rocks of the Pre-Cambrian Shield! If you did not learn about the Pre-Cambrian Shield at school, you have certainly heard about it from your stock brokers in recent years.

It is that vast stretch of the earth's original crust which covers the northern part of our continent and is the main source of Canada's mineral wealth. But the riches cannot be recovered merely by wishful thinking. The areas where mineral are concentrated, are few and far between and their location is a matter of due trial, strict examination, or sure information.

To this end, you may see a plane flying over the barren waste, dangling a "gravimeter" from its tail; or a lone prospector with a "Geiger counter" which will tick louder

than his heart if he nears something of interest; or a geologist, chipping away at the rocks with his little hammer and letting his imagination do the rest (he calls it deductive reasoning).

Then will come the core-driller who will sample the rock at depth and if the assays are encouraging, a shaft will be sunk and the ore brought to the surface. Then follows an arduous programme of crushing, smelting, concentrating and refining until the final ingot is poured.

These operations are responsible for a great many by-products, some of which are more valuable than the end product itself. For instance, I prize a medal given to me, in a moment of aberration by the Canadian Mining Institute. Although this medal is of fine Canadian gold, it did not come out of a gold mine.

Back in the years when silver had more than a sentimental value, Colonel Leonard of St. Catharines was operating a silver mine. It was found that the ore contained a faint trace of gold, and Col. Leonard ordered that it should be specially processed to recover this gold content, which was accumulated for the striking of those medals. Weight for weight the by-product was much more valuable than the silver.

And we must not forget that not so very long ago, "uranium" was a problem child to the metallurgist, and now "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner," and if we don't watch our step, it may become in reality, the "head stone" over a mass grave of humanity!

I am not going to parade my ignorance of the milling industry before this audience. Suffice it to say that, when a combine rolls into a farmer's field, it starts a chain reaction that is not completed 'til the housewife buys her sack of flour at a corner grocery.

There is that methodical and meticulous operation that will guarantee a product, perfect in its parts.

I am told, however, that something new has been added and that science now dumps a mess of assorted vitamins into the hopper with the assurance that if we assimilate enough of this re-inforced concoction, we can afford to ignore the warnings of Ecclesiastes regarding our old age. That may be all right in the body of men, but in the Body of Masonry, innovations are frowned upon.

Perhaps enough has been said to indicate the importance of the Mill in our industrial economy. It is an apt illustration of how knowledge, grounded by accuracy, aided by labor and promoted by perseverance, will finally overcome all difficulties, and contribute to the welfare and convenience of mankind.

Now, let us apply these lessons to our Masonic morals! Masonry's raw material is *homo sapiens*. That is the Latin term meaning "mankind" and in this day and generation, we are inclined to think that the emphasis should be placed on the "sap"!

But Masonry is not interested in all mankind; it makes its first separation and deals only with men of mature age, sound judgment and strict morals. The first qualification is merely a matter of record, the others must be the subject of investigation. Masonry placed the age of maturity at twenty-one years. There is at least, one notable exception, for in Scotland, a laddie is born with so many intellectual advantages over other nations, that he matures at the age of eighteen, especially if he is sired by a Mason. This has led to a little understandable jealousy and in Ontario we are not allowed to recognize those precocious youngsters 'til they have reached a sere and yellow twenty-one.

Every man outside of a mental institution is not, necessarily of sound judgment, else we would not have horse-racing. Every man who has steered clear of a prison cell cannot lay claim to be a strict moralist, and so the Mason must sit in judgment on the prospective Mason to determine his suitability.

It is a difficult task, made all the more onerous by the knowledge of our own imperfections. We cannot very well interview a candidate with a "lie detector" in one hand and a "drunk-o-meter" in the other, and are apt to salve our conscience with the assurance that Bro. So-and-So would not have recommended this guy if he wasn't O.K.

The Masonic Mill does not operate to make bad men good; it functions to make good men better and it is our bounden duty to see that the material delivered to it is susceptible to treatment.

But even the tongue of good report and the secret ballot are not as effective as the assays and analyses of industry and so it is inevitable that some faulty material will find its way into the mill. That is why our Grand Lodges have "Committees on Grievances and Appeals."

Providing the raw material has been thoroughly screened, we have every confidence that our Degree Mills will function with accuracy and precision. There is no clang and clamor of conflicting "isms" or "dogmas." There is no fabulous assembly line where bits and pieces are thrown together to equip the candidate with a new set of morals or a fresh series of ideals. In an atmosphere of quiet reflection, he is subjected to the first phase of Masonry's refining influence and no matter how careless or flippant a man may be, I have yet to find one who failed to be deeply impressed by the dignity and solemnity of our Initiation Ceremonies, especially those who, by a misguided sense of humor on the part of their Masonic friends, had come prepared for horse-play!

Having been inoculated with the principles of moral truth and virtue, the Masonic flow-chart decrees that there shall be a waiting period, during which the newly-fledged Mason may, by study and introspection, ready himself for further treatment. The first phase of our operations applied to the conscience; the second, appeals to the intellect, and requires that a man shall look about him at the wonders of creation and thereby learn to glorify the Creator. Again there is a pause for reflection and then the neophyte is put into the hands of the skilled Craftsmen, under whose ministrations he is led to the very gateway of Heaven and left with the knowledge of his own immortality and the duties required of him by the Most High.

The Masonic Mill, like the mills of the gods, has ground slowly, but if we have performed our task with fervency and zeal, it has ground exceeding small and the finished product will be perfect in its parts and honorable to the workmen.

Let us revert for a moment to the industrial mills. We talked about their finished products, but in many instances, these are merely the basis for further stages of manufacture. The refinery may provide the where-withal for synthetics or cosmetics; the smelter may give us our currency, or an atom bomb; the grist mill may supply the ingredients for those cakes which Mother used to bake, or be the genesis for a whole raft of cereals, some of which snap and crackle and other which just lie there and sneer at you.

So, too, the Master Mason is not an end, he is the means to an end.

It is said that every private soldier in Napoleon's armies had a Marshal's baton in his knapsack and the Master Mason is heir to the promises.

He may make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and by faithful service in his own lodge, he may eventually come to rule and teach.

As a Past Master, he can extend his researches into the activities of his Grand Lodge, with light added to the coming light, his ambitious feet may tread round after round of the ladder that leads to fame in our Mystic Circle, and even the purple of the Fraternity may rest upon his honored shoulders. Masonically, he has "Great Expectations."

But our mills and factories do not store their products in vaults under lock and key; they put them in the show-windows of the world, that the public may admire and possess.

Nor can we practice our Masonry in an ivory tower, and if the Craft is ever put on trial at the bar of public opinion, it is the Mason himself who will be "Exhibit A" for the defence.

As we walk abroad in our own community, as we work at the desk or the bench, as we go to Church or dabble in civic affairs, our neighbors will look upon us and say, "Oh! He's a Mason," and it can be either a benediction or a sneer.

There is a portion of Scripture which we used to call somewhat irreverently, "The Begat Chapters." It tells how so and so begat what's his name and he, in turn begat. This went on from generation to generation until, with the long passing of the years, there was born a man to walk with God. Legend says he was a Mason. "A man to walk with God." That is the hall-mark we would like to see on every finished product of our Degree Mill. So mote it be.

Prolonged applause marked the completion of this Address and R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4) expressed the sincere thanks of all present to R.W. Bro. Ness.

W.Bro. P. T. Houston, President of the Association, proposed the Toast to the M.W. Grand Master, to which M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans, Grand Master, very ably responded. Bro. Bert Whiteman entertained the gathering with some fine vocal solos.

R.W. Bro. A. C. Orchard (90) thanked the Past Masters' Association and through them, the Host Lodges for the hospitality, the fine luncheon and the enjoyable time had by all.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1955

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans at 2.30 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Investments begs to report, that as a result of transactions during the year ended March 31st, 1955, the par value of Bond Investments of Grand Lodge was increased by $16,600.00.

A number of securities were exchanged for others paying a higher rate of interest and these transactions resulted in collection of premiums totalling $2,073.55.

The change referred to was brought about by the following transactions:

Purchases:		
Government of Canada Bonds (1979), 3¼%		$ 70,500.00
Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission Bonds (1979), 3½%		50,000.00
Manitoba Hydro Electric Board Bonds (1976), 3½%		23,500.00
		$144,000.00
Sales and Maturities:		
Government of Canada (1957), 3% called	$ 3,400.00	
Government of Canada (1956), 3% called	500.00	
Government of Canada (1962), 3% sold	100,000.00	
Manitoba Government (1955), 5% sold	22,500.00	
Canada West Indies Steamships, Matured March 1, 1955, 5%	1,000.00	
	$127,400.00	$127,400.00
Additional Funds Invested		$ 16,600.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. CODDINGTON,
Acting Chairman.

This report was presented and moved by M.W. Bro. Coddington (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) that it be adopted. Carried.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Finance begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee has given careful attention to the finances of Grand Lodge throughout the year. Meetings were held every month in the year to check and authorize payments of accounts presented through the Grand Secretary.

Balance of Income and Expenditure as at March 31st, 1955, is as follows:

Income Budgeted	$26,175.00
Income Actual	27,021.14
Expenditures Budgeted	28,460.00
Expenditures Actual	27,340.78
Surplus as at March 31st, 1954	26,033.84
Surplus as at March 31st, 1955	25,714.20
Excess of Expenditure over Income	319.64

Your Committee gave considerable time to checking the forms, etc., which we have for sale to the constituent lodges and the cost of same to them. It was deemed necessary that the sale price to the lodges be increased to cover cost price and handling, for in some cases supplies were being sold under cost.

The Committee felt that the time was long past when more suitable fire-proof facilities be installed in the Grand Secretary's Office. The Masonic Temple is old and offers very little protection of this nature. Therefore, after due consideration and the approval of the Board of General Purposes, an order has been placed for steel filing cabinets. Also approved for purchase were loose-leaf binders which will be forwarded in due course to the Secretary of each lodge wherein will be enclosed those Directives and Regulations issued during the past few years. This move was felt to be necessary as very few Secretaries have facilities for keeping these important papers for ready reference.

Much consideration was given to the matter of fire insurance, and it has been approved that the comprehensive liability policy which we had, be changed to cover replacement value on a co-insurance basis, instead of cost, less depreciation.

In connection with Area Meetings, it was the feeling of this Committee that some plan should be worked out whereby those members in attendance at Area Meetings would pay a small nominal fee for the Banquet and the balance to be subsidized by Grand Lodge. We feel that these meetings serve a very definite purpose but in order to continue such meetings and

to keep rising costs within reason, it would appear that some small charge should be made, and we ask the members of the Committee on Research and Education to consider and bring in a recommendation.

We wish to convey our grateful thanks to our Grand Secretary for his unfailing and careful attention to all matters in his Office. We also wish to thank the staff for their continued co-operation and assistance.

The Budget showing the approximate Income and Expenditure for the year 1955-1956 is attached to, and forms part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. MOWAT,
Chairman.

BUDGET 1954-1955

INCOME

	Estimated 1954-55	Actual 1954-55	Estimated 1955-56
Dues	$22,300.00	$22,430.25	$22,950.00
Initiations	1,300.00	1,404.00	1,400.00
M.M. Certificates	1,300.00	1,393.00	1,400.00
L.M. Certificates	100.00	186.00	150.00
P.M. Certificates	100.00	85.00	100.00
Dispensations	175.00	150.00	150.00
Bond Interest	300.00	300.00	300.00
Administration (Benevolent Fund)	300.00	300.00	300.00
Stock	300.00	772.64	700.00
Fidelity Bond	.....	.25	.....
	$26,175.00	$27,021.14	$27,450.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 9,800.00	$ 9,800.00	$ 9,800.00
Grand Lodge—Proceedings and Other Expenses	3,500.00	4,037.49	4,100.00
Constitution and Consecration	75.00	15.00	.....
Masonry in Manitoba	2,900.00	2,654.17	2,800.00
Annuities	520.00	517.52	520.00
Library	1,600.00	1,393.43	1,600.00
Rent	1,500.00	1,537.50	1,650.00
Grand Master	1,000.00	921.65	1,000.00
G. L. Officers, Grand Secretary and Others	500.00	322.87	400.00
Lodges under the Grand Master	500.00	442.70	450.00
Board Meetings	800.00	800.15	800.00
Area Meetings	900.00	856.52	360.00
Stationery and Office Supplies	800.00	637.62	700.00
Regalia	300.00	275.30	260.00
Conferences: Banff $400.00, All-Canada $350.00	750.00	738.69	750.00
Washington	.....	.....	25.00
Furniture and Fixtures	200.00	179.10	300.00
Audit	400.00	400.00	400.00
Postage and Expense	600.00	516.29	550.00
M.M. Certificates	275.00	53.35	100.00

DISBURSEMENTS—Continued

Telephone and Telegraph	165.00	152.20	165.00
Masonic Relief Association	115.00	108.95	115.00
Fifty-year Jewels	300.00	275.00	275.00
Insurance	250.00	231.02	150.00
Christmas Expense	100.00	65.00	65.00
Unemployment Insurance	105.00	102.96	105.00
Committees:			
Research and Education	100.00	54.01	100.00
Condition of Freemasonry	100.00	35.00	50.00
Correspondence	15.00	8.44	15.00
Benevolence	50.00	17.60	30.00
Exchange	40.00	37.60	40.00
Safety Deposit Box	25.00	25.00	25.00
Miscellaneous	175.00	128.65	175.00
	$28,460.00	$27,340.78	$27,875.00
Excess of estimated Expense over Income	$ 2,285.00	$ 319.64	$ 425.00

This report was presented by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3). It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) that it be adopted. Carried.

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, AND GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Masonic Research and Education begs to report as follows.

While this Committee cannot at this time report any outstanding achievement as a result of their activities during the Masonic year now coming to a close, it is nevertheless pleased to report that progress has been made in the objective it set for itself at the beginning of its term.

This objective may be briefly stated. To prepare an Education and Study plan for use in the lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction, primarily for the instruction of our candidates as they progress through the Degrees, thus enabling them to realize their significance and to become well-informed and interested Freemasons.

Following the recommendation approved by Grand Lodge at its last Communication, a sub-committee of three was appointed for two years to complete this task. This Committee has investigated education plans used by other Grand Lodges and has decided to base our programme on

the idea of the "Mentor Plan" as used in the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Much time and study has already been devoted to this task, but a great deal more investigation and study is still required before a completed plan will be ready for consideration by the Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes. It is hoped that before another Masonic year comes to a close this work will have been brought to a fruitful conclusion.

Area Meetings have again had the attention of your Committee and bearing in mind the outstanding success such meetings have had in former years arrangements were made for one to be held at Boissevain on April 29th and another at Selkirk on May 3rd. At each of these meetings the local lodge acted as Host Lodge. Both meetings were well attended considering road and weather conditions. The meeting at Boissevain had an attendance of around 140, at Selkirk about 100 were present. The programme arranged for these events included such items as Community Singing, the Function and Work of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes; What may a Freemason tell a Non-Mason about the Craft; a Question and Answer Period, all of which appeared to receive the closest attention and interest of the brethren present. In addition to this, the subject "Freemasonry and The Church" was very ably dealt with by Bro. Rev. J. C. Mathieson and R.W. Bro. R. W. Gibson at Boissevain and by W. Bro. Rev. G. W. McNeil and W. Bro. Thos. Hartley at Selkirk. The great value of one to the other in making their influence felt in community life was particularly stressed by the speakers and will no doubt leave a lasting impression with many of those present as to the duties they owe to both. A playlet "What Good Is It?" portraying personal experiences in Freemasonry by four brethren from Menorah Lodge No. 167 was presented at the Selkirk meeting and was much appreciated by all. Each meeting was brought to a close by a most inspiring Address by the M.W. Grand Master, which is always an intellectual treat which no brother can afford to miss.

It is felt that once more a valuable contribution has been made through the medium of such Area Meetings, not only from an educational and fraternal standpoint but particularly in promoting a better understanding by the constituent lodges as well as the individual brother in our Grand Jurisdiction of the earnest desire of every Grand Lodge Officer to be of help in overcoming whatever problems arise concerning the welfare and the objectives of the Craft.

Your Committee feels that once again mention should be made of the valuable contribution our monthly publication "Masonry in Manitoba" is making towards Masonic knowledge. Reports indicate that it is more widely read than ever. This is due to the outstanding effort of our Editor in preparing and selecting the topics which appear in every issue.

While your Committee has endeavored to fill every request for Speakers from lodges in our Jurisdiction, this still appears to be a service which many of our lodges do not make use of for some reason or other. Only about half a dozen requests have come in during the past year. It may well be that the reason for the small number of requests for Speakers is due to the outstanding work done by some of the District Deputy Grand Masters in their respective districts, in organizing and enlisting the help of willing and able brethren to prepare short papers on Masonic subjects and give short Addresses at meetings of their own as well as neighboring lodges. Two Study Groups have also been formed during the year, one at Flin Flon and another one at Dauphin. From reports received, these groups appear to be doing a very effective piece of work. Such efforts deserve the greatest encouragement and commendation.

The outstanding labors of our Grand Librarian in bringing to the attention of the members of the Craft the inestimable intellectual treasure of our Library, which is theirs to make use of at all times, is having effective and encouraging results. His report which is appended hereto and forms part of this Report will give in detail the interest shown by lodges and members throughout the Jurisdiction. Requests are coming to his office for Book Kits, information in general and for assistance in preparing short talks on Masonic topics, all of which are receiving his ever-ready and prompt attention. In addition to this, he has accepted several invitations to address the brethren at their lodge meetings, thus rendering valuable service to Freemasonry in general and the individual brother in particular. Masonry in Manitoba is indeed fortunate to have such a capable and devoted brother actively engaged in this particular field of work.

This Committee feels that its activities are primarily concerned with assisting the constituent lodges in stimulating among its members an ever-increasing interest in the Craft, and in helping in becoming better informed Freemasons, so that the fundamentals of our Fraternity may be given a practical application to their daily lives. In order to be better informed of the needs of our Grand Jurisdiction, your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry and the Chairman of this Committee be members of both Committees at all times.
2. That the Chairman of this Committee have access to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters as they come in to the Grand Secretary's Office.

The work of this Committee has been carried on in harmony and sincerity of purpose. The zeal and interest shown by the members of the Committee gave evidence of their desire to strengthen the influence of the fundamental precepts of Freemasonry in the lives of our members We have been grateful for the opportunity of making some contribution to achieving this purpose.

In conclusion, we wish to express our grateful appreciation for the courteous and ever-ready assistance we have received from our M.W. Grand Secretary and his staff. It has meant a great deal to make our task a pleasant one.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. SAWATZKY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, Chairman, Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother:

I have the honor to present my report as Grand Librarian for the year ending March 31, 1955.

Interest in the Library has been maintained, and, indeed, increased somewhat during the year. Every effort is made to keep the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction acquainted with the facilities of the Library and to urge its use. At the beginning of the present year a letter was prepared

to be given to all candidates after receiving their Master Mason Degree, inviting them to make use of the Library and offering its services. A supply of these letters and of Library cards was sent to every Lodge. It is hoped that this will encourage at least some of our new members to search further into the background and meaning of Freemasonry.

In a further effort to stimulate interest in Masonic reading the Committee on Masonic Research and Education authorized the assembling of five book kits or small travelling libraries, each kit containing six books, for Lodges outside Greater Winnipeg. Lodges were notified that these kits were available and could be retained for five months. The response to this plan was encouraging. Within two weeks after the notices had been sent out all kits had been distributed and there were further requests that could not be met. The Library Committee therefore authorized the purchase of books for five more kits, and these were duly prepared and sent out to Lodges requesting them. There are still on hand sixteen requests for kits and these must wait until those on loan are returned. All requests are kept on file in order of receipt and will be filled in that order.

Again, as was done last year, letters were sent, by permission of the Grand Master, to all the brethren elected District Deputy Grand Masters for the coming year, offering any assistance the Library could provide. The present District Deputy Grand Masters have made good use of the Library, and a number of their successors have already sent in requests for books and other material.

The number of books borrowed shows some increase over last year. A total of 376 books, including those in the book kits, have been borrowed, as well as 65 clippings, pamphlets and addresses. It should be remembered that many of these books are read by more than one brother. Also, requests for Masonic plays, for information, material for addresses, and help in arranging Lodge programmes have been filled. Two Lodges in Greater Winnipeg have secured books from the Library which are distributed among their members under the direction of one of their brethren. Assistance has also been given and material provided for two study groups formed during the year.

As authorized by your committee, the circulating section of the Library has been completely re-classified, numbered, and catalogued. A card system for these books has been installed, making the keeping of records simpler and more efficient. A rack for displaying Masonic publications of other Grand Lodges has been set up.

A total of 109 books has been added to the Library during the year, 105 by purchase and 4 by gift. Transactions from a number of Research Lodges, including those from Quattuor Coronati Lodge of Research, are regularly received. All Masonic magazines are reviewed and interesting or useful articles from them are added to the clipping file.

At one of the Area Meetings and during Grand Lodge Communication copies of the history of our Grand Lodge, "Freemasonry in Manitoba" were offered for sale. Other copies have been sold to members through the Grand Secretary's office or the Library. In this way the sum of $127.50 has been realized and added to the funds available for the purchase of books in addition to the amount provided in the budget.

I wish to express my thanks to you for your unfailing interest and encouragement during the year. I am also grateful for the willing co-operation of the Library Committee, R.W. Bros. F. C. Davey, J. R. Glenn, and W. Bro. E. M. Finkleman, who have been most helpful in their suggestions. The Grand Secretary and his staff have, as always, extended every courtesy.

It is my hope that the Library has, in some measure, filled a need in our Grand Jurisdiction, and that it has been of some help in deepening the interest of the brethren in our beloved Craft.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

H. B. DONNELLY,
Grand Librarian.

These reports were presented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8) who moved their adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein (141) and carried.

DECLARATION OF CLOSE OF BALLOT

At this point, the Grand Master, M.W. Brother John R. C. Evans stated that the time was 3.00 p.m. and he declared the Ballot closed.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REVISION

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Constitution and Revision submits the following report:

Since the last Annual Communication this Committee has not attempted to make any substantial revision of the Constitution but your Committee has considered certain amendments that have been proposed by various members of Grand Lodge and in some cases has suggested changes therein.

Proper notice has been given of all proposed amendments and they will be considered at the proper time at the next Annual Communication to be held in the month of June next.

Your Committee wishes to extend its appreciation of the co-operation at all times received from the office of the Grand Secretary, the other members of the Board and also from the Craft in general.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

K. R. KENNEDY,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1) and Carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RE-ALLOCATION OF LODGES TO MASONIC DISTRICTS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the redistribution of Lodges to Masonic Districts begs to report as follows:

On its appointment in June 1952 your Committee realized from the start that the magnitude of the work in hand was very great indeed. The terms of reference were wide and the task could not be fairly grappled with until a great volume of information was gathered from every part of the Jurisdiction. Thus we spent the first year and more in gathering this information. We took into our confidence all the then sitting District Deputy Grand Masters and the Immediate Past District Deputy Grand Masters. We also sought the experience and guidance of other Past District Deputy Grand Masters, the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, Past Grand Masters and many other well-experienced brethren. To all these brethren, we tender our grateful thanks for the great volume of advice and experience secured.

From the welter of information received from every promising source, we arrived at the following salient facts:

1. Railway communication, so necessary when many of the present Districts were formed has now lost much of its importance, since travel now, throughout all Districts is done by automobile. Hence, highway communications and good roads are of prime importance.
2. That the ideal number of lodges for any district is "eight."
3. That growth of lodges, both in membership and number of lodges per district has developed in varying degrees in different parts of the jurisdiction. As each new lodge was instituted, it was attached to the immediate district, so that in some districts the number of lodges has grown to as many as fourteen.
4. That there is a great feeling in both city and country that closer ties of brotherhood could be built up if both city and country lodges were associated together in the same districts where feasible —with this, the Committee is in complete accord.
5. That the best is not being made of the advantages and blessings of having both the ancient York Rite and the Canadian Rite practiced in the Jurisdiction. We have eleven York Rite lodges confined to four districts, leaving seven districts restricted to the Canadian Rite. That the brethren in each Rite have much to learn from the other. Not of course in seeking to amend or change either ritual, but rather by the brethren in each Rite gaining a wider interpretation of Masonic Symbols, traditions and ideals from the methods used and demonstrated in the other. We are convinced that such additional knowledge would make for a richer experience for all and a wider realization of the Great Teachings of the Order.

Having in mind the basic reasons for lodges being divided into districts, and applying the experience of the past, and applying the above findings of fact, your Committee plotted out fourteen districts. Five are centred in Winnipeg, three in Brandon and spread out into the surrounding country. This plan, we believe, should be an incentive for greater co-operation and afford a more fruitful opportunity for lodges to help one another. The eleven York Rite lodges are divided one to each of eleven districts. Of

the fourteen districts, eleven have eight lodges each, one has nine and two have seven. Four lodges left under the care of the Grand Master as at present, for geographical reasons.

In January 1954, your Committee made a progress report to the Board of General Purposes. The Board had its membership supplied with copies, which were studied for two months. At its March meeting in 1954 the Board approved the over-all plan and had copies supplied to all constituent lodges for their consideration. Many lodges found the time too short to enable them properly to deal with the report before Grand Lodge in June, and at their request, a further year was asked for, which was granted by Grand Lodge in June 1954.

The lodges and districts have been most co-operative and helpful in expressing their opinions, criticisms and recommendations, for all of which your Committee is greatly indebted. We hereby tender to them all, our sincere thanks and appreciation for the great help given us.

Many changes suggested have been implemented, some could not be wholly accepted because of their adverse effect on other lodges and districts, but all representations have received utmost consideration.

Out of it all, your Committee recommends that, effective on the fifth day of June, 1956, the eleven districts as now constituted be dissolved, and fourteen new districts be set up with the following allocation of lodges:

RE-ALLOCATION OF LODGES TO DISTRICTS

FIRST DISTRICT (8)

1. Prince Rupert's (Winnipeg)
114. "The Assiniboine" (Winnipeg)
119. Norwood
121. St. James
132. Sprague
145. Sturgeon Creek
160. Starbuck
162. Ashlar (Norwood)

SECOND DISTRICT (8)

7. Assiniboine (P. la P.)
11. Gladstone (Y.R.)
21. Marquette (P. la P.)
29. Carberry
49. Temple (MacGregor)
75. Gothic (Austin)
108. Union (Brookdale)
116. St. Andrew's (Wellwood)

THIRD DISTRICT (8)

30. Manitou
51. Treherne
63. Holland
71. Crystal (Crystal City)
82. Cypress (Cypress River) (Y.R.)
87. Rathwell
103. Crescent (Elm Creek)
118. Mound (Pilot Mound)

FOURTH DISTRICT (7)

36. Doric (Boissevain)
48. Glenboro (Y.R.)
50. Killarney
110. Kilwinning (Minto)
113. Tweed (Brandon)
117. Strathcona (Belmont)
150. Cartwright

FIFTH DISTRICT (8)

14. Prince of Wales (Minnedosa)
15. Corinthian (Rapid City)
24. Neepawa (Y.R.)
115. Rivers
133. McCreary
142. Harmony (Cardale)
158. Fenwick (Brandon)
159. Newdale

SIXTH DISTRICT (7)

27. Glenwood (Souris)
40. Deloraine
52. Hartney
54. Oriental (Melita)
77. Napinka
86. Elgin
104. Reston

SEVENTH DISTRICT (8)

19. Brandon
43. Lebanon (Virden)
44. Oak Lake
64. Composite (Alexander)
67. Wawanesa (Y.R.)
74. Elkhorn
107. Lansdowne (Griswold)
166. Woodworth (Kenton)

EIGHTH DISTRICT (8)

6. Emerson
8. King Solomon (Morris)
13. Morden
55. East Star (Gretna)
70. Shiloh (Roland)
90. Midlothian (Miami)
109. Swan Lake (Y.R.)
120. Penza (Dominion City)

NINTH DISTRICT (8)

68. Vermillion (Dauphin)
94. Hiram (Grandview)
100. Robbie Burns (Gilbert Plains)
105. Prince Arthur (Swan River)
122. Roblin
126. Favel (Minitonis)
128. Victory (Benito)
147. Jubilee (Bowsman)

TENTH DISTRICT (8)

2. Lisgar (Selkirk)
3. Ancient Landmark (Y.R.)
12. Stonewall
93. King Edward (Winnipeg)
134. Stony Mountain
137. Lord Selkirk (Winnipeg)
140. Meridian (Winnipeg)
151. The Dormer (E. Kildonan)

ELEVENTH DISTRICT (8)

4. St. John's (Y.R.)
10. Northern Light (Winnipeg)
112. Ophir (Beausejour)
127. Empire (Winnipeg)
146. Fidelity (Winnipeg)
154. Pine Falls
165. Friendship (Ft. Garry)
167. Menorah (Winnipeg)

TWELFTH DISTRICT (9)

125. Patricia (Sperling)
130. Fort Garry (Winnipeg)
136. Capitol (Winnipeg)
138. Windsor (St. Vital)
139. Beaver (Winnipeg)
141. Tuscan (Winnipeg)
144. Fort Osborne (Wpg.) (Y.R.)
155. Carman
163. Charleswood

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (8)

25. Ionic (Winnipeg)
111. Acacia (Winnipeg) (Y.R.)
123. Transcona
131 Kildonan (E. Kildonan)
143. Mt. Sinai (Winnipeg)
148. Seven Oaks (W. Kildonan)
156. Manitouwapa (Moosehorn)
164. Harry Woods (Lundar)

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT (8)

39. Birtle
62. Russell
84. Hamiota
92. Shoal Lake (Y.R.)
101. Binscarth
102. Miniota
106. Strathclair
152. Foxwarren

UNDER THE GRAND MASTER

124. The Pas
153. Flin Flon
157. Rice Lake (Bissett)
161. Fort Prince of Wales (Churchill)

Y.R.—York Rite or American Work.
Figure in brackets, number of Lodges in each District.

Fraternally submitted,

S. H. FAHRNI,
Chairman,
Committee on the Redistribution of Lodges to Masonic Districts.

This report was presented and moved by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (21), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121) that this report be adopted.

There was a great deal of discussion in connection with this report. Some brethren felt the attendance was not sufficiently large to warrant a decision being reached at this meeting.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor (111), seconded by R.W. Bro. T. Wilson (136) that the discussion be deferred to the Evening Session. Following further discussion this motion was withdrawn, whereupon it was moved by R.W. Bro. E. L. White (131), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Norquay (2) that the discussion and vote on the motion regarding the proposed Re-allocation of Masonic Districts be postponed to the next annual communication. This motion was defeated.

W.Bro. E. T. Leach (25) then moved, seconded by W.Bro. P. James (25) that the discussion be adjourned. This motion was defeated.

On the call for question, the original motion was put to the vote. A call for the actual count result of the vote, showed 57 were in favor of adopting the report and 72 were against its adoption. The M.W. Grand Master declared the motion defeated.

A suggestion was made that possibly further study could be given to this problem. However, M.W. Bro. Fahrni (21) said his Committee had spent over three years of study before submitting the report and he now asked that the Committee be discharged.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor (11), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. Campbell (10), that the report on the Re-allocation of Lodges into Masonic Districts be received, the subject matter filed, the Committee be commended for their efforts and relieved of their duties. This motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was then adjourned at 6.05 p.m. to reconvene at 8.00 p.m. in the evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1955

Evening Session

The M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters entered the Grand Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the Processional Hymn "All people that on earth do dwell."

COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee wishes to express its gratification at the first words of the Grand Master when he states that, "our efforts in both thought and conduct may be such as to merit the divine approbation of the Great Architect of the Universe, to whom we give allegiance."

We concur in his thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for granting him the "measure of health required while attempting to perform the duties assumed."

We also commend his reference to the reports of the several Committees of our Order, and his request that decisions be reached, "as to how our combined Masonic efforts may best promote the future welfare of our Order."

Fitting reference is made to the loss sustained by our Jurisdiction and beyond its borders, and especially to the passing of M. W. Bro. Norman John Black.

The Grand Master has had a very busy year. His impressions formed from his official visits to Constituent Lodges were a "cause for genuine gratitude." We commend his attendance at the Conference of the Four Western Grand Lodges, the Fourth Biennial All-Canada Conference at Toronto, the Grand Masters' Conference at Washington, D.C., at the latter our Grand Master was asked to present a brief message from Canada

in reply to the Address of Welcome at the Grand Masters' Conference. He also visited Grand Lodges of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Montana, Illinois and Minnesota. At the latter M.W. Bro. Douglas discovered in the Archives of the Masonic Temple at St. Paul, the original petition made by Dr. John Schultz for the introduction of Freemasonry into Manitoba. This petition is now in the archives of the Masonic Temple in Winnipeg.

The Grand Master reports good attendance at all District Meetings and a splendid spirit prevailing throughout. He highly commends the purpose served by the Area Meetings which were well attended. The Grand Master is proud to have taken part in the Constitution, Consecration and Re-establishment of Marquette Lodge No. 21 at Portage la Prairie and of the Constitution and Consecration of Menorah Lodge No. 167 in East Kildonan. He does not favor too large lodges. We heartily join with the Grand Master for their continued Masonic prosperity. He found the four Lodges under the supervision of the Grand Master progressing favorably and keeping the "torch of Masonic truth burning as a beacon within their respective areas."

We commend the Grand Master's reference to those Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction who having passed the half century mark received their 50 year Jewels. He refers especially to Bro. Harry Pascoe, St. John's Lodge No. 4, who travelled from Victoria, B.C., to receive his Jewel. W. Bro. W. G. Pollock saw his two sons receive their Jewels, also three others who had joined the Lodge at the same time. "This was quite unique."

We also commend the Grand Master for his reference to Lodges attending Divine Service. He was especially pleased at the large attendance at the Grand Lodge Service in Brandon.

We concur in the Dispensations, 53 in number, which the Grand Master issued and these indicate he has used his wide powers wisely and to facilitate the business of the Order.

We especially commend the Grand Master's Observations and Recommendations to all Constituent Lodges for discussion.

The heartiest congratulations are due the Grand Master for compiling an Address full of idealism, practical suggestions for the welfare of the Craft, and above all else, breathing a profound sense of gratitude, and duty toward the Great Architect of the Universe, Fountain of All Goodness.

The Grand Master's efforts sums up the true spirit of Freemasonry and suggests the sentiment expressed by Goldsmith in his pastoral poem, "The Deserted Village."

> "To them, his heart, his love, his gifts were given,
> But all his serious thoughts had rest in Heaven."

The Millenium is not yet—human progress in the mass is slow, but there is hope in Zion. The noblest heritages of the human race are based on Truth, Justice and Honor. Freemasonry teaches a wholesome philosophy of life and exhorts its votaries to strive for what is noble and true, to fit themselves as living stones in that Spiritual Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Let us never lower the ideal.

In conclusion we congratulate the Grand Lodge on having as its Grand Master during the past year a man who enjoys the ability and sincerity with which our Grand Master is happily blessed and we earnestly hope that he may long be spared to participate in, and form a bulwark for our future Grand Lodge Communications.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

S. BURLAND,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. S. Burland (12) who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7) and Carried.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee is privileged to submit a summary of the comprehensive and detailed annual report of the Grand Secretary.

The statistical details, as given, will be noted with interest by all who study the report. In this latter connection it is to be regretted that reduced demand limited the printing of the 1954 proceedings to only 600 copies. This would suggest that the average Mason is unaware of the wealth of interesting material available in this publication. While it may not be our privilege to suggest a possible remedy we think it might help if the lodges were encouraged to provide each lodge officer with a copy.

The membership total of 15,547 represents a net gain of 371, which is an increase of 30% over that of 1954. This reverses the downward trend noted in the previous report. Despite the over-all increase it may be a matter of concern that 34 lodges had a decrease and 15 were static. These represent over 40% of the total number of lodges. An analysis of statistics for 1953 and 1954 shows that the lodges of Greater Winnipeg, and particularly the Twelfth Masonic District, account for much of the net increase. The figures are as follows:

1953	Gross Increase	Net Increase
Greater Winnipeg	55.69%	82.24%
12th Masonic District	26.49%	54.4%
1954		
Greater Winnipeg	55.85%	68.73%
12th Masonic District	22.12%	27.22%

While no doubt the rapidly growing population of this urban centre accounts for much of this increase, these figures are significant and would seem worthy of further study.

The Grand Secretary is to be commended for urging the constituent lodges to give immediate attention to the problem of arrears which total $18,658.43 and represent an average of over $162.25 per individual lodge. This situation merits prompt attention and steps should be taken to reduce these arrears to a minimum and at the same time encourage those delinquent members to become active in the life of their lodge.

The granting of charters to two lodges, namely, Marquette Lodge No. 21 and Menorah Lodge No. 167 is a further mark of progress, and these constitute valuable additions to the Craft.

It is encouraging to note that 7 lodges had a complete revision of their by-laws and 24 had partial changes. This progress reflects the missionary work of our Grand Secretary. He is to be congratulated for the practice of holding meetings with lodge secretaries whenever feasible. This direct contact is most important and ought to be a recognized feature of every district meeting and all secretaries are urged to attend.

Your committee wishes to express its pleasure and to extend its congratulations to the Grand Secretary for the honor conferred upon him by the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Montana. The honorary rank of Past Grand Master is well deserved and will be borne with distinction.

Our Grand Secretary has had a very busy year attending Communications, Conferences, District Meetings and accompanying the Grand Master on official visits. The breadth of experience thus gained, coupled with his willingness to serve the Craft with unselfish devotion, augurs well for the future.

We concur with the Grand Secretary in his words of appreciation to his assistant Miss Margaret Anderson and the Executive Secretary W. Bro. M. G. McKenzie, for their willing co-operation.

Finally we would express our appreciation to the Grand Secretary for his splendid contribution to the welfare of the Craft and for the very efficient, conscientious and good-natured way he deals with the manifold problems of his office.

Fraternally submitted,

H. S. PERDUE,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. H. S. Perdue (113) who moved its adoption, second by R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein (141) and Carried.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR JEWEL TO W.BRO. C. G. FIELDHOUSE (123)

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) presented at the Altar, W.Bro. Cecil G. Fieldhouse of Transcona Lodge No. 123. After citing his

distinguished Masonic Record, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans presented to him a fifty-year jewel and expressed the hope that he would long be spared to wear it.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials begs to report as follows:

There are 115 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register. 93 lodges are represented by one or more of their three principal Officers. 22 lodges are unrepresented, namely:

Oak Lake No. 44	Swan Lake No. 109
Treherne No. 51	Kilwinning No. 110
Hartney No. 52	Strathcona No. 117
Russell No. 62	Roblin No. 122
Composite No. 64	Favel No. 126
Wawanesa No. 67	McCreary No. 133
Vermillion No. 68	Lord Selkirk No. 137
Elkhorn No. 74	Windsor No. 138
Rathwell No. 87	Rice Lake No. 157
Miniota No. 102	Starbuck No. 160
Crescent No. 103	Ashlar No. 162

110 lodges have one or more Past Masters present, and 5 have neither Past Master nor Officers present, namely:

Vermillion No. 68	Roblin No. 122
Elkhorn No. 74	Favel No. 126
Kilwinning No. 110	

Past Masters	406	
Worshipful Masters	79	
Senior Wardens	54	
Junior Wardens	42	
	—	581
Registered:		
Master Masons		76
Visitors		34
TOTAL		691

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GRANT,
For Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3), who moved its adoption, seconded by V.W.Bro. J. D. McKinlay (1) and Carried.

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1	1	7	10
2	Lisgar	..	1	1	7	9
3	Ancient Landmark	1	1	1	11	14
4	St. John's	1	1	1	14	17
6	Emerson	1	1	..	7	9
7	Assiniboine	1	..	..	7	8
8	King Solomon	1	1	..	4	6
10	Northern Light	1	..	..	7	8
11	Gladstone	1	1	1	5	8
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	9	12
13	Morden	1	..	..	2	3
14	Prince of Wales	1	..	..	2	3
15	Corinthian	1	1	..	2	4
19	Brandon	1	1	1	4	7
21	Marquette	1	1	..	2	4
24	Neepawa	1	1	..	4	6
25	Ionic	1	..	1	11	13
27	Glenwood	1	..	..	4	5
29	Carberry	..	..	1	5	6
30	Manitou	1	..	1	1	3
36	Doric	..	1	1	1	3
39	Birtle	1	..	1	..	2
40	Deloraine	1	1	..	1	3
43	Lebanon	1	1	..	2	4
44	Oak Lake	..	..	..	2	2
48	Glenboro	..	1	..	1	2
49	Temple	..	1	1	4	6
50	Killarney	1	..	..	1	2
51	Treherne	..	..	..	5	5
52	Hartney	..	..	..	1	1
54	Oriental	1	..	..	5	6
55	East Star	1	..	..	1	2
62	Russell	..	..	..	1	1
63	Holland	..	1	..	4	5
64	Composite	..	..	..	1	1
67	Wawanesa	..	..	..	3	3
68	Vermillion	..	..	..	..	..
70	Shiloh	1	1	..	5	7
71	Crystal	1	..	..	3	4
74	Elkhorn	..	..	..	..	..
75	Gothic	..	..	1	3	4
77	Napinka	1	1	..	1	3
82	Cypress	..	1	..	2	3
84	Hamiota	1	1	..	1	3
86	Elgin	1	..	1	2	4
87	Rathwell	..	..	..	4	4
90	Midlothian	1	..	..	3	4
92	Shoal Lake	1	..	..	..	1
93	King Edward	1	1	1	8	11
94	Hiram	..	1	1	1	3
100	Robbie Burns	1	..	..	1	2
101	Binscarth	1	..	..	..	1
102	Miniota	..	..	..	1	1
103	Crescent	..	..	..	2	2
104	Reston	1	..	..	3	4
105	Prince Arthur	1	..	..	2	3
106	Strathclair	..	1	..	2	3
107	Lansdowne	..	..	1	2	3
108	Union	1	..	..	4	5

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
109	Swan Lake	..	..	..	5	5
110	Kilwinning	..	..	..	..	..
111	Acacia	1	1	..	14	16
112	Ophir	1	1	1	4	7
113	Tweed	1	1	1	7	10
114	"The Assiniboine"	1	1	1	7	10
115	Rivers	1	1	..	..	2
116	St. Andrew's	1	..	..	4	5
117	Strathcona	..	..	..	2	2
118	Mound	1	..	..	..	1
119	Norwood	1	1	1	8	11
120	Penza	1	..	..	6	7
121	St. James	1	1	1	14	17
122	Roblin	..	..	..	..	..
123	Transcona	1	..	1	5	7
124	The Pas	1	..	..	1	2
125	Patricia	..	1	1	6	8
126	Favel	..	..	..	..	..
127	Empire	1	1	1	11	14
128	Victory	..	1	..	2	3
130	Fort Garry	1	..	1	6	8
131	Kildonan	1	1	1	8	11
132	Sprague	1	..	1	2	4
133	McCreary	..	..	..	2	2
134	Stony Mountain	1	1	..	9	11
136	Capitol	1	1	1	4	7
137	Lord Selkirk	..	..	..	3	3
138	Windsor	..	..	..	5	5
139	Beaver	1	1	1	7	10
140	Meridian	1	1	..	9	11
141	Tuscan	1	1	..	7	9
142	Harmony	1	..	..	..	1
143	Mount Sinai	1	1	1	7	10
144	Fort Osborne	1	1	1	4	7
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	..	..	1	2
146	Fidelity	1	..	..	6	7
147	Jubilee	1	1	..	..	2
148	Seven Oaks	1	..	1	6	8
150	Cartwright	1	1	..	1	3
151	The Dormer	1	1	1	7	10
152	Foxwarren	..	1	..	..	1
153	Flin Flon	1	1	..	..	2
154	Pine Falls	1	1	1	1	4
155	Carman	1	..	1	2	4
156	Manitouwapa	1	..	1	2	4
157	Rice Lake	..	..	..	1	1
158	Fenwick	1	1	1	2	5
159	Newdale	1	..	..	2	3
160	Starbuck	..	..	..	1	1
161	Fort Prince of Wales	1	..	..	..	1
162	Ashlar	..	..	..	1	1
163	Charleswood	1	..	..	1	2
164	Harry Woods	1	1	1	2	5
165	Friendship	1	1	1	2	5
166	Woodworth	1	1	..	..	2
167	Menorah	1	1	1	1	4
	TOTALS	79	54	42	406	581

ADDRESS OF GRAND HISTORIAN

The Grand Master M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans called on the Grand Historian M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4) who gave the following Address:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The average citizen is generally interested in first things. From the Masonic standpoint our members are constantly reminded that "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." As humble citizens we hold in veneration the story of the first settler; the first homestead; the first railway train; the first Masonic Lodge and so on. The interest is widespread and we in the Province of Manitoba are fortunate that we can pin-point much of our early beginnings. In the annals of Freemasonry we are familiar with the beginnings of organized Masonry within our borders. The story of the first Lodge has been told. We know the details of the first initiate, the first meeting place, and we have in our keeping the original dispensation issued to Northern Light Lodge in 1864. We also possess the original minute book. At this Annual Communication, by virtue of the kind indulgence of our brethren of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, we have been presented with the original, handwritten petition submitted by John Christian Schultz and seven other Master Masons, seeking a dispensation to open a Masonic Lodge with authority to confer the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees; the domicile of the new lodge to be at Red River Settlement, Rupert's Land, This is a priceless possession which in the days to come will be regarded as a most valuable historic asset in the wide realm of Freemasonry.

We have our Masonic events and records fairly well documented. That is more than can be said in connection with some of the important happenings in our community life. In many cases these are but a memory.

Strange as it may seem, yet nevertheless it is a fact, but we do not know just where the first Fort was erected on the banks of Red River. The staff of the appropriate branch of our Dominion Government are aware of this and doubtless in due time the archaeologist will find an answer and determine the site of Fort Maurepas.

While the exact location is unknown, the page of history is not entirely blank and we will consider the facts as we

find them in the journals, written by the men who participated in these events.

The earliest reference I have been able to discover is dated May 21st, 1733, and was written by La Verendrye to Governor Beauharnois. This reads, in part: "I have sent my nephew (Christophe Dufrost La Jemeraye) and my son to Quinipigon (Winnipeg) to put up a fort there and to invite the savages of that place to come here (Fort St. Charles. on the south shore of the North-west Angle). I expect that they will have it finished by the month of August next on the return of our crews. I leave my nephew the honor of informing you of the situation of our fort . . ."

La Jemeraye returned to Canada in 1733, the year the foregoing despatch was written and in all probability delivered the communication in person. Further reference to the document indicates that a map of the locality accompanied the despatch. During the sojourn of La Jemeraye in Canada, Beauharnois prepared a report, dated September 28th, 1733, from which we read: "Toward the end of last winter he (Verendrye) sent his son with the Sieur de la Jemeraye, his nephew, to construct a fort at Winnipeg. They reached a point about fifteen or twenty leagues from the lake of that name, according to what the savages told them, but could not get there on account of the ice."

The younger Verendrye remained at the place (somewhere on the Winnipeg River) so as to proceed on his way as soon as the weather would permit, while La Jemeraye returned to proceed on his journey to Montreal, where he arrived on September 20th, 1733.

At a later date, Beauharnois sent to the Secretary of State in France (Jean Frederic Phelippeaux, Comte de Maurepas) a further despatch summarizing the events which had taken place under the establishment of La Verendrye, Senior, between the month of May 1733, and the month of July, 1734. From this source we learn: "At the request of one of the Lake Winnipeg Chiefs, the Sieur de la Verendrye sent two Frenchmen (la Jemeraye and Jean Baptiste de la Verendrye, the eldest son) to form an establishment there. These two men returned with a Chief and 18 men from the lake and reported that they had found a lot of people there . . . they could not induce them up to Fort St. Charles . . . they hoped the French would come to them as they had promised. The most convenient place, both as a residence and as being within reach of the savages, was two days'

journey up the lake on the south-west side at the outlet of Red River. The Sieur de la Verendrye made presents to the Cree Chief and assured him that in two moons the Frenchmen would go and establish himself with them on the Red River."

In La Verendrye's own journal, under date March 9th, 1734, we are told that he had sent two men to return with two Cree guides, who had come from the Lake Winnipeg Chiefs, and they were to conduct the Frenchmen to the place where it would be most convenient to erect a fort. These two men returned about the middle of May accompanied by a Cree Chief. We read in the same entry, "I made him presents and assured him in two moons the Frenchmen would come and establish himself beside him at the mouth of the Red River."

On May 27th, 1734, La Verendrye left Fort St. Charles, then his headquarters, and proceeded to Montreal. He reached Kaministikwia on June 16th. Two days later—on June 18th—he records having sent off three canoes with 12 men, commanded by the Sieur Cartier (Rene) to whom "I gave orders to go immediately to Lake Winnipeg, at the mouth of Red River, and there construct a fort, a square arpent in size, the plan of which I gave him instructions as to what to do. He will tell the savages that my son would go down with two canoes at the end of the August moon."

La Verendrye left Kaministikwia, June 19th, on his eastward journey and arrived at Michilimackinac on July 6th, at which place he met his nephew, La Jemeraye, returning from Montreal. The nephew left "on 12th of July, with six canoes and an order to my son to hand over Fort St. Charles to his cousin and go down at once to Lake Winnipeg and to the bank of Red River where he would find the fort built, or at least well advanced."

This summary brings us to the Fall of 1734.

At this point it is of importance that reference be made to a letter sent to Governor Beauharnois by Pierre de la Verendrye, the explorer's second son—then 20 years of age—which reads thus: (The letter is dated June 7th, 1735.)

"Monsieur:

"I have established a fort at Lake Winnipeg, five leagues up the Red River (i.e. approximately 15 miles, or less) on a fine point commanding a distant view. There are many fish in this river; it is a fine spot and a pleasant place to live

at; game abounds. There are 30 portages but not one bad one (referring to the journey from Fort St. Charles to Lake Winnipeg). The fort and river bear the name of Maurepas. I could not establish myself nearer the lake because it is all prairies there. I have not seen the Cree yet; I expect they will all come to see me this winter, as I sent them word of our new establishment.

"My cousin, La Jemeraye, Monsieur, is in a position to give you full account of all that has taken place at the first posts in the absence of my father."

This, in my opinion, is the first and we might reasonably claim, the official announcement of the erection of the original fort on Red River. It stood approximately 15 miles, or as the French measured distance, five leagues up Red River from Lake Winnipeg.

Can we find corroborative evidence of any kind relating to the first fort built on Red River? I mean, reference to such a place by travellers who passed that way in the course of their journeyings. Historians tell us that Joseph Frobisher, on a trip along the Red, built a post of some sort in 1774. That was about 35 years after the Verendrye period. Then, some 23 years later, John McDonell, a partner of the North West Company wrote this in his journal: "Three leagues from Lake Winnipeg and the Riviere aux Morts (Netley Creek) enters Red River. Two or three leagues above Riviere aux Morts, is a clear spot on which Frobisher is said to have passed a winter." There is every likelihood that Frobisher would avail himself of the abandoned site originally laid out by the Verendrye group. It will be noticed how the various distances from Lake Winnipeg appear to coincide. It suggests one common site for all three parties. Such a conclusion is surely not fantastic. Despite these historic spots along the Red it is strange indeed that no suitable marker has yet been raised by which to call to the attention of the passer-by that he stands upon truly historic soil.

Like many other places and events we find a great deal of legend being used as historic fact. This has come about by frequent repetition of local tales many of which cannot bear the scrutiny of careful research. We find such a situation in connection with Fort Maurepas. Writers and commentators have given more publicity to the second Fort of the same name that was later built on the Winnipeg River.

It is a mistake to think that the Fort Maurepas on Red River was subordinate to or even of less importance than its

successor. It is likewise erroneous to regard the original establishment as merely a temporary post—a mere stopping place for men on the move along the river in the course of their work of exploration.

Speaking of fanciful legends let me give an example of what accrues from an oft-repeated story. One writer, several years ago, told of Verendrye, "passing Fort Maurepas on the Winnipeg River in the month of September, 1737, halting at Fort aux Rosseau, at the mouth of Red River, spending a short time in prayer at the cross raised to mark the last resting place of the remains of his nephew, La Jemeraye."

Let us dispose of this mythical tale. First, in the year 1737, Fort Maurepas was still in active operation at its original site on Red River, 15 miles or thereabout upstream; second, nobody has been able to determine that a Fort named Rosseau ever existed nor where it stood and who built it. Third, the body of La Jemeraye was buried near the mouth of the Rosseau River and a marker, erected by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board was placed in the town of Letellier, Manitoba. Fourth, and lastly, La Verendrye was in Montreal in the month of September, 1737, far away from the banks of Red River. Yet, with all this contemporary evidence the story I have related still persists and there is very little can be done to get people to think before they talk.

The first visit of Verendrye, senior, to Red River did take place in 1737, but was undertaken during the winter months. On this memorable journey he did not travel by way of the Winnipeg river but followed the Old Savanne Portage which paralleled the Rosseau river. As Fort Maurepas was his destination, and was an important place at that time it is advisable that we relate the details of this memorable visit.

The best authority is Verendrye himself, who wrote thus: "On 8th December, 1736, I held an inspection, in order to detach ten Frenchmen and two of my sons to prepare to accompany me to Fort Maurepas as I had not received any news of my son since his arrival at the said fort, though he had orders to return immediately and bring any news as I desired to start for the east on their return. I made my party travel by the Savanne Portage, whence we crossed over to Red River.

"2nd January, 1737. As they were departing a Cree arrived from Maurepas, who said that the French there were

in good health, but that they were greatly worried at having no news of the canoes and supplies that had been promised them for the autumn.

"On the 1st of February: I sent off 15 savages and their canoes to make out the shortest way for me, clear it of obstacles and select places to camp; the eight others and their canoes I kept to carry provisions and be of service to me.

"On 8th of February: after having made the fort secure for the period of my absence, and having left twenty men under the command of the sergeant, taking ten out with me, my two sons and eight savages, with their canoes to carry things required by the way, I started in the morning, the weather being excessively cold, which it continued to be all the way, though the sun was bright. It took me eighteen days to get to Fort Maurepas.

"Nearly every day I came to lodges of savages who wished me bon voyage and offered me provisions that I had no need for, as the men who were with me killed two or three moose every day. The season was so advanced that the Cree were in a hurry to leave for their hunting; they had been waiting for me a long time.

"We settled upon the fourth of March on the date of the Council because time was required to notify two villages of the Assiniboine situated at the great fork of the Red River, which is the place to which I have proposed to transfer Fort Maurepas in order to facilitate commerce and navigation. I got the most experienced Chiefs of the two tribes to make a map of the country." (This map was dated 1737.)

It is quite evident from this despatch that Fort Maurepas still stood at the site selected by the explorer's son, Pierre, in 1734. Added confirmation of this is to be found in the record of the Council Meeting held on March 4th, 1737, with the Indians of the district. Let us see what this document has to say: "An Assiniboine Chief rose next in the name of his tribe and said that although the accident that had occurred last summer (this was the slaughter at Masacre Island) had prevented the transfer of the fort to their neighborhood, namely to the fork of Red River, which was their own territory, he hoped that I would, neverthless, keep my word this year; that his tribe offered me all the help in their power for that purpose, and that they would form a village at the spot in order to reside permanently near the fork."

The journal entry which we are now considering covers the several matters then being negotiated and as to Verendrye's movements and future plans, we read: "but (I) declined the offer (i.e., of guides to go to the Mandans) alleging the lateness of the season, so as not to let them know the Frenchmen were afraid, nor yet of the intention I had formed of going up the Red river so as to reach Fort St. Charles. I availed myself of the pretext of wanting to see the great river which, issuing from the Lake of the Woods falls into Lake Winnipeg."

Surely with this evidence we have indisputable proof that Fort Maurepas still stood "five leagues up Red River from Lake Winnipeg"—and that it had not been removed to a new location by 1737. Mention should be made of the fact that we have just related the first visit made to Red River by La Verendrye Sr. Up to this time the exploration, building activity and negotiation with the Indians, at Red River, had been conducted by the younger members of the La Verendrye family and La Jemeraye, the nephew.

From Red River La Verendrye returned to Fort St. Charles and departed thence to Canada on June 6th, 1737. He did not turn westward again until the summer of 1738. Arriving back at Fort St. Charles on August 31st, 1738, he immediately planned to make further exploration to the West. He left Fort St. Charles on September 11th, reaching Fort Maurepas on September 22nd. On this occasion he travelled by way of Lake of the Woods and the Winnipeg River and not overland across the Savanne Portage as on his initial journey to Red River.

Once more let us go to the explorer's own record for a brief account of this, his second trip. "I reached Fort Maurepas on the 22nd where I held a military inspection, published your orders concerning the said fort, and gave a copy of them to de Louviere, agent for those gentlemen. I then detached five of his men to come with me, as I had arranged, and left nine with de Louviere. I proceeded to the Fork of the Assiniboine and reached there on the 24th." Here he found 10 cabins of Crees, including two Chiefs. who begged him to stay a while. The urgency of his westward journey only permitted him to remain but two days when he proceeded along the Assiniboine to a spot near Portage la Prairie where Fort La Reine was erected. About this time M. de la Margue had hastily thrown up what later became known as Fort Rouge, at the forks of the Red and Assiniboine.

Our present purpose is not the story of these Forts, but rather Fort Maurepas, the first establishment built on Red River. We have considered the documentary evidence that has been preserved and it tells its own story. In my opinion not enough interest has been evinced in this historic establishment. Not a little legend has crept into the story,

The importance of the original Fort Maurepas seems to have been completely overlooked by many of our best historians. It is not enough to dismiss the subject with a nonchalant. "Oh, it only existed for a year or so." That is certainly not true. It was still in active operation on the 1734 site, when La Verendrye left on his memorable trip to the Mandan Country 1738-1739, and its removal is not mentioned by the man who led the explorations. True, a second Fort Maurepas was built on the north side of the Winnipeg River but here again all particulars as to when this Post was built and by whom, have vanished.

It is passing strange that all four of the early Forts erected by La Verendrye—Fort Maurepas, on the Red River; Fort La Reine on the Assiniboine; Fort Rouge at the Forks of the Red and Assiniboine, and Fort Dauphin on Lake Manitoba, and we might add for good measure, the second Fort Maurepas on the Winnipeg River are but names on the page of history. The exact location of all five sites are unknown today. What a difference a mere two centuries makes!

But, there is a faint gleam of hope. Our Federal authorities, through the appropriate department, are searching for that which is apparently lost and some progress has been made. It is slow and tedious work. We, who are novices or onlookers can only continue to hope in anticipation that in due time our Canadian people, especially we who are domiciled in Manitoba, may learn the exact spots where our first white citizens planted the seeds of civilization in our wide western land.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS.
Grand Historian.

At the conclusion of this Address, M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27) expressed the thanks of the assembled brethren for an interesting summary of events of early Western Canadian History.

MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), and Carried, that Grand Lodge approve the Masonic Districts in this Grand Jurisdiction as now constituted, for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTIONS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the election of Officers and eight members of the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, also District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER, the name of Robert Eric Emmett was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, the name of J. Ferguson Irwin was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, the name of David Rothstein was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, the name of William Albert Prugh was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER, the name of John Paterson Mowat was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, the name of Thomas C. Jackson was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN, the name of Charles Robert Newcombe was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN, the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, the name of Wesley D. G. Runions was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN, the name of Harry B. Donnelly was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES for a two-year term, twenty-three names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

A. D. Adamson	J. R. Glenn	J. Norquay
S. C. Bagley	G. V. Henderson	G. W. Rattray
A. G. Barron	H. K. Hutson	N. Rothstein
A. W. Bodkin	G. Lardner	F. E. Simmons
A. C. Cabel	E. B. Litz	A. C. Slessor
W. Dalzell	A. A. MacDonald	W. P. White
S. H. Dayton	M. E. MacKinnon	F. R. Willmott
J. E. Frazer		T. Wilson

The number of ballots cast was 563 of which 560 were valid (3 spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 63. The following named brethren received the necessary quota or an equivalent to elect:

1. W. Dalzell
2. G. Lardner
3. A. A. MacDonald
4. J. Norquay
5. N. Rothstein
6. A. C. Slessor
7. W. P. White
8. F. R. Willmott

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the following brethren have been elected District Deputy Grand Master of the respective districts as indicated. Their election has been confirmed by the Grand Master Elect.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, Basil R. Webb
SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, William J. Witherspoon
THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, George Alexander Taggart
FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT, George St. Clair Fulford
FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, William Neil Thompson
SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT, T. Alexander Reid
SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, John Davison Bell
EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Robert Aaron McKenzie
NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Harold Evans Staples
TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, James C. Wishart
TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Alfred Henry Wilfrid Cook

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4) who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70) and Carried.

The M.W. Grand Master then declared the several Officers of Grand Lodge and the members of the Board of General Purposes to be duly elected.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans (113) asked the Past District Deputy Grand Masters, the Elected and Appointed Officers for the Masonic year 1954-1955 to approach the Grand East, where he presented them with their past rank certificates. To all he expressed his most sincere and grateful thanks for the faithful manner in which they had performed their duties.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

The following resolutions of thanks were moved by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) seconded by R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) and Carried:

To the Pipers, Bro. John Reay (93) and Bro. Murdo MacLeod (25).

To the Officer Commanding, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, for his co-operation, and for the excellent contribution by members of the Force in performing the Flag Ceremony.

To the Management and Staff of the Royal Alexandra Hotel for their co-operation and splendid service.

To all those who have helped make this Communication a success.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The following distinguished brethren expressed kindly greetings and best wishes to our Grand Lodge:

M.W. Bro. E. D. Nelson, Grand Master, North Dakota; M.W. Bro. S. C. Voorhees, Grand Master, South Dakota; M.W. Bro. H. M. Reid, P.G.M., Virginia; R.W. Bro. John Ness, P.D.D.G.M., Ontario.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans asked M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (158), Grand Installing Officer to assume the gavel.

With the assistance of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), M.W. Bro. Donovan then installed the Grand Lodge Officers in their respective stations.

At the conclusion of this Ceremony, the newly-installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), thanked M.W. Bro. Donovan for the very fine and impressive manner in which this Ceremony had been conducted.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans (113) presented the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett

with the Grand Master's Apron and wished him a happy and successful year. In acknowledging this presentation, M.W. Bro. Emmett stated he would endeavor to wear the apron with dignity and with the help of all our brethren, he was quite sure his year in office would be a happy one, and one of real Masonic achievement.

M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans was then asked to rise and he received from the M.W. Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge a Past Grand Master's Jewel. M.W. Bro. Emmett remarked how pleased he was to make this presentation as a token of appreciation for all the Masonic efforts put forward by M.W. Bro. Evans during his year in office.

R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113), Junior Grand Warden, speaking on behalf of the newly-elected Officers and R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), on behalf of the newly-appointed Officers, expressed a determination to support the M.W. Grand Master to the best of their ability.

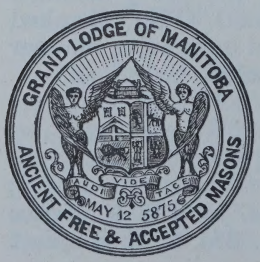
PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

The newly-elected and appointed Officers were called to the Grand East where they received from the hands of M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, their Grand Master, the Certificate of their Offices for the ensuing year.

CLOSING

The brethren united in singing the closing hymn "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

The business of this Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, having been completed the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51) led the brethren in prayer and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 11.15 p.m. by the Grand Master M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett.



Thos. Jackson

Grand Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

The following form of Bequest may be used by any Brother desiring to bequeath any sum for the benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of Grand Lodge:

"I, give unto my Executor or Executors the sum of ..... ($.....) upon trust to pay the same to the Grand Secretary for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, for the purposes and benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the said Grand Lodge, and I declare that the receipt for such sum of the said Grand Secretary shall be an absolute discharge for such payment.

.....Signed."

The Lodge Secretary will bring this to the attention of the brethren either at the Lodge Meeting or in the Monthly Notice.

BEQUESTS MADE TO THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, A.F. & A.M.

To date, the following bequests made by members of the Craft have been received by the Benevolent Endowment Fund:

1952—Estate of the late W.Bro. Andrew Brown....	$18,751.63
1953—Estate of the late W.Bro. Andrew Brown....	729.17
1953—Estate of the late Bro. Wm. Boyd.....	500.00
	$19,980.80

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

Brethren are reminded of the facilities offered by the Grand Lodge Library for increasing their Masonic Knowledge. Travelling sets of books, specially arranged for the use of country Lodges, are available, and individual country members can have books posted to them.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Grand Librarian, Masonic Temple, Winnipeg 2, Manitoba.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1955-1956

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)	St. James
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24)	Neepawa
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)	Brandon
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51)	Winnipeg
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G.D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)	St. Vital
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. Jas. Wylie (121)	St. James
Junior Grand Deacon	R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker (4)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. W. M. Summers (119)	Norwood
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. A. Kelly (70)	Roland
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. L. J. Turner (93)	Winnipeg
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. Jack Fred (143)	Winnipeg
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. J. W. Moffat (86)	Elgin

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FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

The term of office as your representative for 1954-55 is now drawing to a close, may I express my sincere thanks to you Most Worshipful Grand Master for confirming my appointment, and for the great privilege it has been to serve. It will always be one of the outstanding highlights of my life, the wonderful feeling of brotherly affection and good will and the vast number of friends I have made. I might say that at the start of the term my feeling was—Could I do justice to the great honor conferred upon me? However, this feeling was soon dispelled, no D.D.G.M. could possibly have had more encouragement, support, and friendly help than that which I received from my brethren in the District. On each and every official visit, there was a very good attendance of Masters and Wardens, all Lodges have really shown enthusiasm for Masonry and the District in particular.

Following the close of the Annual Communication, the First Masonic District Meeting was held, at which time the minutes were read for the previous year. V.W. Bro. D. Mitchell, Northern Light No. 10, was re-elected as Treasurer for 1954-55, W. Bro. E. H. Pascoe, Norwood No. 119, accepted the appointment to act as Secretary, and W. Bro. R. Sharp, Acacia No. 111, as Chaplain. My expression of appreciation to these Brethren cannot be stressed too much, they have given of their best, and have supported me in every way possible.

The official visits were as follows:

1954	September 7th	"The Assiniboine" No. 114
	October 6th	St. John's No. 4
	October 13th	St. James No. 121
	October 18th	Ancient Landmark No. 3
	October 21st	Northern Light No. 10
	November 8th	Empire No. 127
	November 11th	Norwood No. 119
	November 17th	King Edward No. 93
1955	January 4th	Ashlar No. 163
	January 18th	Prince Rupert's No. 1
	February 3rd	Friendship No. 165
	February 7th	Ionic No. 25
	March 9th	Acacia No. 111

On each official visit as your D.D.G.M., I was very cordially received, and given a sincere and warm welcome on your behalf. It has been the practice on these visits, during the refreshment period to propose a toast to the Grand Master—warm words of devotion for you, Most Worshipful Sir, were expressed on each and every occasion and to our Grand Lodge —it is my pleasure to convey these greetings to you.

It has been my firm belief, that the main purpose of these visits is to strengthen the good relations which now exist between our Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodges, with this purpose in mind a talk was given, touching some phase of our work, also to remind the Brethren regarding Charity, and Benevolence and to again remind them of the wonderful facilities at their disposal—our Library.

We were fortunate during the year to have three meetings of the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries, which were very well attended and gave us the opportunity for a frank and open discussion of the business of the District and suggested improvements. On one of these occasions it was our privilege to have as our guests, M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni and M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole, the former gave us a talk on the proposed changes regarding Re-allocation of Lodges.

The District Meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, November 29th, 1954, preceded by a Dinner at 6 p.m. Following the dinner, the Meeting was opened at 8 p.m., regrets were expressed by all present for your inability to be with us on this occasion and we were happy to learn shortly thereafter that your illness was of a temporary nature. You can feel justly proud, as we all were, of your Deputy, in the person of R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett who gave us a splendid talk on Ancient Craft Masonry. To quote one Brother, "That was a most enlightening address, unfortunate it was so short." Our sincere thanks to your Deputy, R.W. Bro. Emmett. W. Bro. E. H. Pascoe, District Secretary, prepared and presented a summarized Report of Lodges. During the evening we were favored with a Masonic play, by the Brethren of Empire Lodge No. 127, under the direction of W. Bro. Geo. Smith. Our sincere thanks go to these Brethren for their efforts, and the work they are doing.

M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray, I.P.G.M. graciously accepted our invitation, and in a very capable manner thanked the I.P.D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald for his devotion to duties and for the contribution he had made to Masonry during the year, and made a presentation of an Apron, Collar and Jewel on behalf of the First Masonic District. R.W. Bro. MacDonald replied in his usual capable manner.

The election followed—there were two nominations for the office of District Deputy Grand Master—W. Bro. A. W. Morley, Ancient Landmark No. 3, and W. Bro. B. R. Webb, Ionic No. 25. Balloting was held from 5.30 to 5.55, and 7.30 to 7.55. Ballots were counted. W. Bro. B. R. Webb having the majority was declared elected, subject to confirmation of the Grand Master. Our thanks are expressed to R.W. Bro. J. R. Glenn, No. 144, R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters, No. 25, and R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter, No. 111, for acting as Scrutineers. The Chaplain invoked a Blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. The Meeting was drawn to a close in peace and harmony.

Divine Service for the District was held at Grace United Church, April 24th. The Sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. Dr. W. G. Martin, A very thought-provoking lesson followed, which gave all present food for spiritual guidance. We were honored to have you with us Most Worshipful Sir, and other Officers of Grand Lodge.

It was a privilege to be present with you on a few of your official visits, namely, Re-Consecration of Marquette Lodge at Portage la Prairie; Menorah Lodge, East Kildonan; Third Masonic District Meeting at Starbuck; Eighth Masonic District Meeting in Brandon; Twelfth Masonic District Meeting in Winnipeg; 75th Anniversary of Northern Light No. 10; Stonewall Lodge No. 12; 50th Anniversary of King Edward No. 93, and Grand Lodge Divine Service in Brandon.

Further contributions of $100.00 have been received for the Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund.

It was my pleasure to accept invitations for Mrs. Slessor and I to attend several banquets and social events of lodges during the year—

Ancient Landmark, Prince Rupert's, St. James, King Edward and Acacia. I also had the privilege of attending "The Assiniboine" Canadian Night and Northern Light Lodge banquet.

Please accept my thanks for the privilege of making a presentation of a 50 year Jewel to Bro. P. H. Orr, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, this was a special pleasure to me as I have known Bro. Orr personally for the past few years. Also on your behalf another veteran member was presented with his 50 year Jewel, Bro. J. R. L. Watt of Northern Light No. 10. The Master, W. Bro. R. Collier accompanied by W. Bro. J. Souter, Secretary, and myself made a visit to the home of Bro. Watt. Unfortunately he is not able to attend his Lodge, but he is still very keen for his Masonry, and asked me to convey to you his fraternal greetings.

In addition to my official visits, visits were made to all lodges for the purpose of witnessing Degree Work, and in each and every instance the Masters are doing excellent work, and I am happy to report the condition of Freemasonry in the First Masonic District is spiritually and financially in very good condition.

It has also been very gratifying to me that W. Bro. A. E. Boyle has been a constant help in so many ways and has accompanied me on most of my visits. To all the Masters, for their loyal support and all other Brethren who have made my term such a great and lasting pleasure to remember, my sincere thanks. M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Librarian for his assistance in selecting Masonic material and personal help. To M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary, and his staff, I say thank you. My thanks to R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald who has given such wonderful support during the year, which leaves me only to wish for my successor the same devotion and support which I have known.

Fraternally submitted,

A. C. SLESSOR,
D.D.G.M. First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

Prior to the expiration of my term of office, as your representative in the Second Masonic District for the year 1954-1955, I respectfully submit, for your consideration and approval, my report on the condition of Freemasonry within this area.

My first official act was the appointment of a Chaplain, W. Bro. F. Taylor and as my Secretary W. Bro. J. C. Williamson, who was a tower of strength and accompanied me on all my official visits. An organization meeting of the Masters and Past Masters of the Second Masonic District was held in Neepawa. This meeting was attended by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni and M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole, along with twenty other brethren. Together we formulated plans for the season's work and the District Meeting.

I had the privilege of attending the re-institution, dedication and re-consecration of Marquette Lodge, a most impressive ceremony. At a

later date I had the honor of presenting to Marquette Lodge No. 21, on behalf of Neepawa Lodge No. 24, the Leech Travelling Register. Three cars of Neepawa brethren accompanied me on this visitation.

Five brethren journeyed with me to Divine Service of Grand Lodge at Brandon. All were favorably impressed with the location and the sermon.

I attended the District Meeting held in Newdale by R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton and also the District Meeting held in Brandon by R.W. Bro. F. C. Courtice and found these meetings very enjoyable and instructive.

The District Meeting for the Second Masonic District was held in the Temple at Neepawa on November 17th, 1954, with an attendance of 210. The reports from the Secretaries indicated that each lodge was in a very healthy and prosperous condition. A quiz panel of questions submitted by the different lodges was conducted by Bro. W. McAmmond and made a very interesting and instructive hour. W. Bro. W. J. Witherspoon was declared elected D.D.G.M. for the next term, subject to your approval. The meeting passed a resolution opposing any alterations to the present boundaries of the Second Masonic District.

At the evening session R.W. Bro. B. Angus was presented with a Past District Deputy Grand Master's Apron by M.W. Bro. Fahrni in his usual efficient manner. R.W. Bro. Angus replied feelingly of the splendid help and co-operation he had received from the Grand Lodge officers and the brethren of the Second Masonic District.

M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary, spoke on a number of matters of general interest to the lodges.

The highlight of the evening was your wonderful address. The numerous letters of congratulation and the complimentary remarks on the meeting indicated that you made a most favorable impression on the large gathering.

I filed with the Grand Secretary my report on each official visit to every lodge and I made the odd unofficial visit, travelling at my own expense over 1200 miles. On my visit to Gladstone Lodge I was accompanied by Bro. Nicol, a nephew of the first Master of Gladstone Lodge. The Master, W. Bro. Ferguson stated that the first meeting of Gladstone Lodge was held in his father's house and that my father, who was the first Master at Neepawa, received his Masonic training as an Officer of Gladstone Lodge. At this meeting I saw the Jarvis twins made Fellowcrafts under the proud and watchful eyes of their father.

I regret that, owing to illness, I was unable to be at Neepawa Lodge May 10th to see you present the 50 year Jewel to R.W. Bro. J. Bradley, Bros. G. Adams, P. Drysdale and W. Bros. W. J. Pollock and D. E. Pollock. It is a rare occasion indeed when a father, W. Bro. W. J. Pollock, age 94, is able to be present and see his two sons receive 50 year Jewels.

On May 20th a bus load of members from Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3 put on the Master Mason Degree at Neepawa, with the gavel in the hand of M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson. Their lovely new costumes, their perfect performance made a most impressive sight. As a gesture of brotherhood, Ancient Landmark Lodge presented to Neepawa Lodge a set of costumes which filled a long felt need for Neepawa.

I am pleased to report harmony, real activity and a keen interest in Freemasonry throughout all the lodges. The financial status of each

lodge is in excellent shape, and the buildings are well kept. The officers presented the work with dignity, sincerity and dispatch. The percentage of attendance was high, especially in the smaller lodges. I feel that each is progressing favorably and the Second Masonic District presents no problem.

I would like to record my appreciation to you Most Worshipful Grand Master, for your confirmation of my appointment and for your help and assistance. Also my thanks to R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, our Senior Grand Warden for his helpful advice. He accompanied me on most of my official visits; to my Secretary, W. Bro. J. C. Williamson, a special thanks and to all the brethren in the District who helped to fill the lodge rooms to welcome your representative, truly a tribute to you and Masonry.

Yours fraternally,

J. A. DAVIDSON,
D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I herewith submit my report, for your consideration and approval, of the Third Masonic District for the term 1954-1955.

My first official act was to appoint a District Secretary, which W. Bro. C. Frantz accepted. He accompanied me on most of my official visits.

On July 20, 1954, I called a meeting of the Masters, Wardens, Past Masters, and P.D.D.G.M.s of the following lodges: Rathwell No. 87, Crescent No. 103, Holland No. 63, Treherne No. 51, and Starbuck No. 160 which was held at Rathwell, and on July 29, 1954, a similar meeting was called at Glenboro, and the lodges attending were Glenboro No. 48, Strathcona No. 117, Swan Lake No. 109, Cypress River No. 82, and Wawanesa No. 67. These meetings were held as a round table conference to give instruction on the mechanics of lodge work, to discuss any problems that they might have and to assist in arranging for our District Meeting. Rev. C. Manning was chosen as District Chaplain.

Our District Meeting was held on Oct. 25, 1954, and due to weather conditions was not as well attended as I expected. At the Afternoon session M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson spoke on the Constitution and By-laws, and the requirements of the Grand Secretary's office.

A question and answer period was very ably handled by R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett.

Lodge adjourned to the Community Hall where the wives of the members of Starbuck Lodge No. 160 had prepared a very good supper, and the toast to the ladies was well delivered by R.W. Bro. E. A. Baragar.

At the evening session I had the pleasure of receiving the M.W. Grand Master. The I.P.D.D.G.M. Apron was presented by R.W. Bro. E. A. Baragar to R.W. Bro. J. A. Sundell, also a D.D.G.M. Jewel was presented to R.W. Bro. Jamieson of Holland Lodge No. 63.

The Grand Master's Address was well received and inspiring to all.

My official visits were as follows:

Strathcona Lodge No. 117	Sept. 28th, 1954
Wawanesa Lodge No. 67	Oct. 18th, 1954
Swan Lake Lodge No. 109	Oct. 20th, 1954
Holland Lodge No. 63	Nov. 10th, 1954
Cypress Lodge No. 82	Nov. 22nd, 1954
Starbuck Lodge No. 160	Nov. 25th, 1954
Crescent Lodge No. 103	Dec. 1st, 1954
Rathwell Lodge No. 87	Dec. 7th, 1954
Treherne Lodge No. 51	Dec. 10th, 1954
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	Dec. 14th, 1954

I received a very cordial welcome on all my official visits and impressed on the officers of each lodge the importance of opening their meetings on time.

A meeting of the Committee of General Purposes was called on May 12, with two exceptions due to bad roads all the lodges were present and all items of importance were disposed of. The District Church service will be held on Sunday, May 29, at Holland and the District Chaplain will officiate.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation to you, M.W. Bro. Evans, for confirming my election as D.D.G.M. of the Third Masonic District and to thank the Brethren of the District for my appointment.

Fraternally submitted,

MYRTON MILLS,
D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report of activities as your representative in the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1954-1955.

I accepted the office of District Deputy Grand Master with considerable timidity realizing, of course, that I had accepted a rather heavy and important duty, and had some doubt as to my ability to conscientiously carry it through. However, I had two and a half months to think and reflect on this new office and as the time approached to begin my official duties in earnest, I began to look forward to my office with much interest and pleasure.

In June, along with my District Secretary R.W. Bro. G. R. Bray, and District Chaplain Bro. G. R. Cook, I attended the International Masonic gathering held at the International Peace Garden, Boissevain. This was a well attended meeting with Masons being present from both sides of the border and a fine representation of Manitoba brethren including the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett. In spite of the hordes of mosquitoes we all had a fine time.

My first official duty was to call a meeting of the principal officers and secretaries. Through the courtesy and kindness of Mound Lodge No. 118, this meeting was held at Pilot Mound. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss pertinent problems pertaining to Masonry in general and to the constituent lodges in particular. Included in the discussions were plans for the District Meeting. All present felt it was a worthwhile meeting, and that the round table discussion proved helpful and interesting. At the conclusion, Mound Lodge again displayed their warm hospitality by taking us all to lunch.

I officially visited five lodges throughout the District in September and the balance in October. Along with the District Secretary, R.W. Bro. Bray, I was officially received by the Master of each lodge (except one) and a fine, courteous welcome was extended to my suite by all. Unfortunately, the Master of Manitou was indisposed at the time of my visit. I was particularly impressed by the kind hospitality extended me on my visits both officially and otherwise, and on each visit I came away with a great warmth of feeling for the members of each lodge. In most lodges it was a pleasure to watch the officers go through their work and perform their duties in a fine and truly Masonic manner.

I was most favorably impressed with Killarney Lodge 50 for the fine way in which the officers of this lodge exemplified Masonry. Here, I saw a father and his two sons occupying three of the senior offices of the lodge. The father, R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate, Secretary, while his two fine sons were Master and I.P.M. respectively. Killarney Lodge is to be congratulated on having this family group take such a fine and truly Masonic pride in Masonry at this lodge.

On each of my official visits to the lodges, I gave a short talk on some part of Freemasonry. Those talks dealt with the treatment of the uninitiated; the new candidate; the Master Mason Degree; what Freemasonry means and why Freemasonry continues to grow. Each of these talks was favorably received by the members.

The Fourth Masonic District Meeting was held in the Collegiate Auditorium at Morden on October 27. Attendance was 67, not large, but all lodges were represented. Officers attending from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba were M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, Deputy Grand Master.

The District Meeting proved instructive and interesting as has already been pointed out in the report submitted by the District Secretary.

One item that should receive consideration arising out of discussion at the District Meeting, and held over to receive further consideration at the June meeting, was the method, or type of report that should be given by the Secretary of each lodge throughout the District. The present type of report presented at the District Meeting is open to criticism by many secretaries and others.

On November 4 I attended an International Night held at Manitou and contributed to by the four lodges, namely, Morden 13, Manitou 30, Mound 118 and Crystal 71. These four lodges acted as joint hosts and entertained Brethren from 5 lodges across the border in the United States. I was given the honor to extend greetings and a welcome to our American visitors. One hundred and fifty Brethren attended this meeting and a grand time was had by all.

In general, Masonry is thriving and in a healthy condition. In some lodges there has been several new members added to the membership,

while in other lodges there has been fewer candidates received. It is pleasing and inspiring to see the continued interest being shown in all lodges, whether large or small in membership. All lodges are in good financial condition; harmony and good fellowship are quite evident, and the condition of Freemasonry throughout the District is healthy and vigorous.

In closing I would again like to express my thanks and gratitude to the Brethren of the Fourth Masonic District for their kindness in honoring me by my election as your District Deputy Grand Master, and to you M.W. Grand Master, my sincere thanks for your confirmation of this election. It has been a pleasure, and I deem it a great honor to have had the privilege of serving you in my humble capacity as your representative in the Fourth Masonic District. I hope and trust that in some way I have made at least a small contribution for the benefit of the Craft and Freemasonry in general throughout the Fourth Masonic District.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. BREAKEY,
D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval a report of my activities as your representative in the Fifth Masonic District for the 1954-55 term.

The District Chaplain appointed was Rev. Bro. F. Lynch of Corinthian Lodge 15 and the District Secretary W. Bro. W. P. Everitt of Newdale Lodge 159.

Our District Meeting was held in the Community Hall, Newdale, Friday, Sept. 30 and was attended by 172 brethren, of which number 148 were members of the Fifth Masonic District or almost exactly 30% of the resident members of the District.

Grand Lodge officers present at the meeting were the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans; the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett; the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin; the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson.

A feature of the meeting was a debate between brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge 14 and Woodworth Lodge 166, the subject being: "Resolved that the Entered Apprentice Degree is more impressive to the Candidate than the Master Mason Degree." The M.W. Grand Master judging by the applause of the brethren conceded the negative to be the winners.

M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, the Grand Secretary, delivered an Address giving good advice to the brethren on points of lodge government and procedure that might not have been clear to them.

A question period was conducted by R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett in his usual informative and entertaining manner.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.15 p.m. and after a banquet in the basement of the Hall was reconvened at 8.15 p.m.

After a summary of the afternoon session was given, the M.W. Grand Master then presented R.W. Bro. H. Mayhew, I.P.D.D.G.M., with the regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. and appropriately thanked him for his labors during his year in office.

It was announced that as a result of the balloting, W. Bro. W. N. Thompson of Corinthian Lodge 15 had been elected D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District for the year 1955-56.

Considerable discussion was then held on the Re-allocation of Districts and upon a motion of the meeting the matter was ordered held over for another year.

The M.W. Grand Master was then called upon and delivered to the brethren a truly inspiring Address.

The lodges of the District were visited officially as follows:

Corinthian No. 15	July 6th, 1954
Newdale No. 159	July 8th, 1954
Foxwarren No. 152	Oct. 6th, 1954
Birtle No. 39	Oct. 18th, 1954
Russell No. 62	Nov. 9th, 1954
Harmony No. 142	Nov. 18th, 1954
Binscarth No. 101	Nov. 15th, 1954
Miniota No. 102	Nov. 25th, 1954
Hamiota No. 84	Dec. 9th, 1954
Prince of Wales No. 14	Jan. 13th, 1955
Strathclair No. 106	Jan. 18th, 1955
Rivers No. 115	Jan. 31st, 1955
Shoal Lake No. 92	Feb. 10th, 1955

Accompanied by several of the brethren I attended the District Meetings of the Ninth and Seventh Masonic Districts. I was able to attend all meetings of the Board of General Purposes and found them very instructive.

I regret there is one lodge in the District which I was not able to attend a second time and that I failed to hold a District Church Service.

There has been considerable activity by the brethren of the District this year.

Shoal Lake Lodge 92 held its 50th Anniversary on October 28 and this meeting was well attended and much credit must be given W. Bro. D. Lawson and other brethren of the Shoal Lake Lodge for the splendid manner in which the meeting was organized.

Binscarth Lodge 101 also celebrated their 50th Anniversary on April 27, 1955, but unfortunately road conditions made a large attendance impossible. I regret I was not able to be at this gathering.

On Sept. 28, 1954, Hamiota Lodge 84 presented M.W. Bro. H. Gray with a Life Membership, M.W. Bro. Gray being originally from Hamiota. This was a pleasant well attended meeting. Hamiota Lodge also made the presentation of a Life Membership to W. Bro. William Dillon on March 22, 1955.

Harmony Lodge 142 have moved to new quarters which I consider will be of advantage to the lodge.

I was privileged to inspect the new lodge hall at Rivers 115 and pleased to be able to report that it is very suitable and is a credit to Rivers Lodge and the Fifth Masonic District.

On April 15, 1955, 99 brethren assembled at Miniota to do honor to R.W. Bro. R. Peel, Past Master of Miniota Lodge and senior P.D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District. The M.W. Grand Master was in attendance and after a suitable ceremony presented to R.W. Bro. Peel the regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. which was purchased by the brethren of the District, all lodges contributing.

While the attendance at the lodge meetings is approximately 50% of the resident membership, some attempt has been made to effect an improvement.

At the suggestions of the M.W. Grand Master an inter-lodge speaking program has been inaugurated and shows signs of having definite merit although it is probably too early to judge, while to date not all lodges have taken part, we now have seventeen brethren of the District who have indicated their willingness to speak in their own lodges or other lodges when invited to do so and any of the lodges that have taken part seem well pleased with the results. I believe, with continued support, this is a program that could contribute considerably to the cause of the Craft.

A trial was made in standardizing inter-lodge notices in order to eliminate some irrelevant detail that is not of interest to other lodges and to make it possible for the secretaries to send out the notices to other lodges immediately following the meetings so that the notices are received by all lodges while still current. I am not sure at this time whether the brethren consider this worth continuing.

It has been suggested to the brethren of the District recently, that better planning would make our meetings more interesting and while some lodges are quite busy with degree work a variety of activity might appeal to more brethren and increase our attendance. For this purpose it is suggested that we make the consideration of our next meeting a separate and distinct Order of Business in order that we may never leave a meeting without plans for the next one.

While necessarily, some of our lodges have not had many candidates I do not feel that the primary object of Freemasonry is to increase its membership but rather to improve its members.

I believe this has been a good year in the Fifth Masonic District, I have found the officers and brethren extremely co-operative and anxious to work for the welfare of the Craft.

I regret I have not been able to accomplish more in order to, in some degree, repay the brethren for the benefit I have personally derived from the honor they conferred upon me when they permitted me to represent the M.W. Grand Master in this District.

You, M.W. Sir, cannot know the inspiration it has been to me to be privileged to be associated with you this past year.

Fraternally submitted,

S. H. DAYTON,
D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I beg to submit for your approval and consideration my report as your representative in the Sixth Masonic District for the term of 1954-55.

I would first like to express my thanks to the brethren of the Sixth Masonic District for their confidence in me by electing me the District Deputy Grand Master of this District, and to you Most Worshipful Sir, for confirming my election to that high office.

I can assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, it has been a great privilege and honor to act as your representative this past year and your thoughtful help and encouragement have been greatly appreciated.

I visited all the lodges in the District once with the exception of one previous to my official visits and found this very helpful in getting acquainted with the officers and brethren of the different lodges of the District in an informal way.

My official visits were as follows:

Reston Lodge 104	Oct. 14, 1954
Glenwood Lodge 27	Oct. 22, 1954
Hartney Lodge 52	Nov. 2, 1954
Napinka Lodge 77	Nov. 4, 1954
Kilwinning Lodge 110	Nov. 8, 1954
Elgin Lodge 86	Nov. 9, 1954
Deloraine Lodge 40	Nov. 17, 1954
Oriental Lodge 54	Nov. 23, 1954

On each of my official visits I was received in the proper manner as your representative. I found the work of the lodge officers, at the time of my visits, good and in some cases very excellent and I believe Masonic progress is very favorable and a good spirit prevails in the District.

I would like to express my appreciation to the brethren of the Sixth Masonic District for their good attendance as visitors at the time of my official visits as the following I received gave me great encouragement and this past year will be a memorable one to me.

On June 18, 1954, I attended an Emergent Meeting of Elgin Lodge 86 in celebration of their Fiftieth Anniversary and from the number of visiting brethren present from the District lodges it would indicate the high esteem in which Elgin Lodge is held in the District.

The Annual District Meeting was held on October 21 and while the attendance was not high due to late harvesting I believe the meeting was successful and informative Masonically. W. Bro. T. A. Reid of Elgin Lodge 86 was elected D.D.G.M. for the 1955-56 year subject to the approval of the M.W. Grand Master.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to my District officers, W. Bro. C. E. Cornish, District Secretary, and Bro. H. B. Gibson, District Chaplain. The work of Bro. C. E. Cornish has been invaluable to me in carrying out the duties of my office.

I trust that my efforts on behalf of Freemasonry in the Sixth Masonic District this past year may have been of some value to the Craft although I feel for what little I was able to give I have received a great deal more.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

J. G. COBB,
D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I beg to submit herewith my annual report for the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1954-1955.

First of all I would like to express my thinks to the brethren of this District for having elected me as District Deputy Grand Master, and to you Most Worshipful Sir for confirming same.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. P. Hammonds as District Secretary and Bro. Rev. J. C. Cronin as District Chaplain.

During the first week in September 1954 I called an informal meeting of the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of all lodges in the District, to be held at Oak Lake. At this meeting matters affecting the District were discussed and all arrangements for the District Meeting were made, with the representatives of each lodge taking an active part in all discussions as well as in the District Meeting itself. This meeting was a very happy one, with harmony prevailing. At its close Oak Lake Lodge 44 supplied refreshments to all in attendance which was very much appreciated.

At the 1954 communication of Grand Lodge, Woodworth Lodge 166 was added to this District. This lodge has only been in existence for some two years, but is very active, has a membership composed of men of high standards, and is quite evidently doing excellent work in their area. We of the Seventh Masonic District are most happy to have them with us, and we are also happy to note that the most recent list of the Re-allocation of lodges into Districts, again places Woodworth Lodge in this District. They will, I am sure, prove a very splendid addition and I extend to them on behalf of the other lodges in the District, a most sincere welcome.

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Brandon, on Wednesday, November 3rd, 1954. There was a good attendance at this meeting, and there was a good representation from every lodge in the District. During the afternoon session, reports were read by the secretaries of each lodge. There was also a question and answer period conducted by R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, Deputy Grand Master. Many excellent questions were submitted which were answered by R.W. Bro. Emmett or other Grand Lodge officers. Our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, also addressed the meeting and dealt with some of the problems pertaining to his office, and the working of Grand Lodge generally.

Perhaps the most interesting item on the afternoon programme was an address by R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, who was most capably assisted in part by Bro. H. Davies as soloist and Bro. F. Woodmass as organist. There was only one name submitted in nomination for the office of District Deputy Grand Master—that of W.Bro. J. D. Bell of Oak Lake Lodge 44. He was therefore elected by acclamation subject to confirmation by the Grand Master. Following a banquet at 6.30 p.m. the evening session commenced shortly after 8.00 o'clock when the Grand Master and a very large suite of Grand Lodge officers were received with due ceremony. The Grand Master later addressed the meeting, giving a very stirring and inspirational address.

During my term of office I have paid an official visit to each lodge in the District, and in some instances, I was able to make a second visit. Other duties did not permit me to make a second visit to each lodge in the District. On all of my visits I was well received, every courtesy shown me, and I was accompanied on all official visits by the District Secretary and a goodly number of brethren, particularly from the three lodges in Brandon. On all official visits I addressed the brethren, endeavouring as far as limited ability would permit, to make an appeal to them to exercise the opportunity that all Masons have—to conduct our personal lives on a level in keeping with what we have been taught, and to remind them of the duty each member has assumed—and which, if followed, will benefit each of us so much, though perhaps not in terms of dollars and cents.

I attended all meetings of the Board of General Purposes except one, when civic duties would not permit, and I might mention that I have enjoyed the privilege of attending these Board meetings very much, and I am grateful for this privilege.

As a result of the visits I have made during my term of office, I find that while some of the lodges are small in numbers, they do not necessarily lack enthusiasm. I am of the opinion that in the smaller lodges, they take their Masonry just a little more seriously than in some of the lodges with larger memberships. The percentage of the resident members attendance seems to substantiate this statement.

In comparing the statistical report of December 31, 1954, with the same report for the previous year I submit the following comparisons which might be of interest. First, however, let me point out that in making this comparison, I have not taken into account any of the figures of Woodworth Lodge 166, therefore the comparison is actually what has happened in the District for the moment excluding Woodworth Lodge from the picture. The figures are as follows:

	Increase in 1954		Decrease for 1954
Total membership of District	34	Total dues in arrears for all lodges in District	$400.00
Total assets over liabilities for all lodges in District	$5,057.00	Total relief paid by all lodges in District	$155.00

The above figures indicate improvement in numerical strength and in finances, also an improvement in decrease of arrears of dues.

I am of the opinion that Freemasonry in this District is in a healthy condition, although poor attendance has been in the past, and still is a serious problem, requiring our most careful thought and planning.

I want to express my thanks to W. Bro. P. Hammonds for the very commendable manner in which he has supported me in his capacity as District Secretary. Also, my thanks to all those brethren who have assisted me in so many ways—especially for having accompanied me in such numbers on the occasion of my official visits.

I could not allow this opportunity to pass without expressing the privilege and pleasure which has been mine to have served as District Deputy Grand Master under you, Most Worshipful Sir, whom I have personally known and held in high esteem for over 25 years. It is an experience that has meant so much to me, and for which I am truly thankful.

Fraternally submitted,

F. C. COURTICE,
D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report as your representative for your consideration and approval, of the activities of the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1954-55.

My first act as District Deputy Grand Master was to appoint R.W. Bro. D. N. McIntyre of Hiram Lodge 94 as District Secretary. It is with deep regret I have to inform you he held that position only a short time as he was called suddenly to the Grand Lodge Above. We appointed as his successor Bro. J. N. Belton with Bro. T. L. Chaloner as District Chaplain.

Out District Meeting was well attended. Being confined to the hospital, I was unable to perform the duties of District Deputy Grand Master, at my District Meeting and with your approval, Most Worshipful Sir, had R.W. Bro. C. F. Shaw of Robbie Burns Lodge 100 act in my stead. W. Bro. C. McVey presented the Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans, D.G.M. R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, S.G.W. R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, G.D. of C. of Grand Lodge R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions and a number of others making up a very impressive suite.

On my official visits to the lodges in the Ninth Masonic District I received a warm and hearty welcome. The following are the dates of same:

Vermillion Lodge 68	May 3, 1955
Hiram Lodge 94	April 21, 1955
Robbie Burns Lodge 100	April 20, 1955
Prince Arthur Lodge 105	October 2, 1954
Roblin Lodge 122	April 18, 1955
Favel Lodge 126	September 7, 1954
Victory Lodge 128	Oct. 18, 1954
Jubilee Lodge 147	August 10, 1954

I had the pleasure of attending the 50th Anniversaries of Shoal Lake, Hiram and Robbie Burns Lodges.

I did not witness Degree Work in every lodge but what I saw was of a high standard and I am satisfied those I did not witness are capable of an equally high standard.

It is with deep regret I report the passing of seven brethren from our District, whose names will appear in the Proceedings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for confirming my election to this office, and to the members and officers of the lodges in this District for their co-opeartion.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN DOAK,
D.D.G.M. Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval, my report as District Deputy Grand Master for this District for 1954-55.

Official visits were made to the lodges in the District as follows:

Harry Woods Lodge 164	June 22, 1954
Manitouwapa Lodge 156	July 20, 1954
Transcona Lodge 123	October 1, 1954
Pine Falls Lodge 154	October 8, 1954
Kildonan Lodge 131	October 12, 1954
Ophir Lodge 112	October 18, 1954
The Dormer Lodge 151	November 2, 1954
Stony Mountain Lodge 134	November 3, 1954
Seven Oaks Lodge 148	November 12, 1954
Lisgar Lodge 2	November 16, 1954
Stonewall Lodge 12	February 8, 1955

On each of these visits your representative was formally and courteously received and every assistance was accorded me by the Worshipful Masters and officers of the respective lodges. Where Degree Work was witnessed it was, on every occasion, extremely well done. Worshipful Masters were assisted by Past Masters all of whom were well skilled, and it was most gratifying to note that the work was done in a manner calculated to make a lasting impression upon the candidates.

In addressing the brethren my over-riding theme was the necessity of both living and practicing the principles of the Craft and further that all brethren contribute by constructive suggestions, by regular attendance and particularly by endeavoring to stimulate interest and attendance in those of their brethren who, for one reason or another, were not actively participating in the affairs of their lodge.

It can safely be stated that Freemasonry is in good hands in this District, harmony prevails and the lodges will, I am confident, make sound progress.

Unfortunately weather or other circumstances prevented my making a second visit to the lodges at more distant points.

The District Meeting was held at Stonewall on November 10 when the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett was present on your behalf. His address was inspiring and listened to with rapt attention. It should be mentioned that the attendance of Masters and Wardens was within one of being 100% which in itself speaks for their keen interest in the matters coming under discussion and in the affairs of the District as a whole. At this meeting W. Bro. J. C. Wishart (Stony Mountain Lodge 134) was elected District Deputy Grand Master Elect for 1955-56, subject to the approval of the M.W. the Grand Master.

An Area Meeting, at which representatives of many of the lodges in this District were present, was held in Selkirk—Lisgar Lodge 2 being the host lodge, on Tuesday, May 3, and it was the unanimous opinion of those attending that such meetings were of great interest and that those brethren able to do so would be well advised to make every effort to attend when such a meeting is held in their vicinity.

May I, Most Worshipful Sir, thank you for confirming me as your representative, thereby making it possible for me to enjoy an experience for which I shall ever be grateful. May I also express the hope that I have, even in a very small way, contributed something worthwhile to Freemasonry during my term.

Finally to every Brother in the District I would again like to extend my sincere thanks for their support and help. To my Secretary, W. Bro. C. S. Trick (12), W. Bro. R. Weatherston (131), W. Bro. J. S. Whitehead (12), W. Bro. W. Howe (12), and Bro. W. G. Saundry (12), all of whom gave up a great deal to accompany me and whose helpful advice and encouragement were much appreciated and of material help; and to the other brethren who accompanied me from time to time.

Fraternally submitted,

H. K. HUTSON,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twelfth Masonic District.

I appointed W. Bro. A. H. W. Cook (146) as Secretary and W. Bro. A. P. Jones (136) as Chaplain. These brethren along with W. Bro. S. C. Swanton (146) who was elected Treasurer for the tenth year in succession, constituted the District Officers for the year 1954-1955, and I should feel remiss in my duty if I did not place on record my sincere appreciation of the services rendered by these brethren.

My official visits were as follows:

Mount Sinai Lodge 143	September 23, 1954
Capitol Lodge 136	October 1, 1954
Fort Garry Lodge 130	October 13, 1954
Meridian Lodge 140	October 21, 1954
Fort Osborne Lodge 144	November 2, 1954
Charleswood Lodge 163	November 8, 1954
Tuscan Lodge 141	November 12, 1954
Fidelity Lodge 146	February 4, 1955
Sturgeon Creek Lodge 145	February 7, 1955
Beaver Lodge 139	February 10, 1955
Menorah Lodge 167	March 2, 1955
Lord Selkirk Lodge 137	March 9, 1955
Windsor Lodge 138	March 14, 1955

You will note, no official visits were made during the month of January. Visits to Sturgeon Creek Lodge 145 and to Lord Selkirk Lodge 137 originally scheduled for January 3rd and 12th respectively, had to be re-arranged on account of my temporary incapacity due to an attack of pneumonia.

On all these official visits I was accompanied by a goodly number of officers and members of the District lodges, and I am indeed grateful for the support they accorded me throughout.

I also considered it my duty to visit every lodge in the District to witness the conferring of a Degree and am happy to report their work is of a uniformly high calibre, and only on one or two occasions was there evidence of lack of sufficient instruction on the part of the Junior Officers. The candidates also appear to be of good quality and I have no doubt we shall find among them, many qualified to play their full part in Freemasonry.

Throughout the year only minor infractions of the Constitution have been noticed and these have been readily adjusted by the Worshipful Masters when brought to their attention.

Bi-monthly meetings were held with the Masters and Wardens, usually in the form of a luncheon meeting on a Saturday, a time we found to be most convenient for the majority. At these meetings we discussed problems of interest pertaining to the efficient running of a lodge and encouragement was given to all to discuss fully and freely anything that would prove of use to us all.

On January 31, 1955, we held our District Meeting in the Masonic Temple, Donald Street, Winnipeg, and it was found necessary to turn away some thirty or so brethren who could not find seating accommodation, the Lodge room being taxed to capacity. We were honored on this occasion by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master and his Suite and were privileged to hear a most inspiring Address by M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans. The applause which greeted our Grand Master at the conclusion of his Address testified to the impression he had made on his listeners. Another highlight of the meeting was an address given by the Grand Librarian M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly on "The Grand Lodge Library." M.W. Bro. Donnelly was in his usual good form and we feel his talk could not have other than beneficial effects. Our sincere thanks are due these two distinguished brethren.

The District Secretary, W. Bro. A. H. W. Cook, presented a consolidated report on the activities of the thirteen lodges comprising the Twelfth District from which it was evident they are each and every one playing their part in the furtherance of our great Fraternity.

Balloting took place for the election of a District Deputy Grand Master. There were two nominations, W. Bro. P. T. Houston (138) and W. Bro. A. H. W. Cook (146) and as a result of the ballot W. Bro. Cook was declared elected, subject to the approval of the incoming Grand Master.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to attend numerous social functions held by the various lodges, and we feel these occasions serve a very useful purpose and are to be encouraged.

I was also fortunate enough to be in a position to attend a session of the Grand Lodge of Montana in Great Falls, Montana, during the month of August and on Monday, August 30, attended the Special Communication of our own Grand Lodge at Portage la Prairie on the occasion of installation of the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. J. E. Cooper and the Re-Consecration and Re-Constitution of Marquette Lodge 21 of Portage la Prairie. Wednesday, November 3, 1954, saw me in attendance at the Seventh District Meeting in Brandon.

One of the outstanding events during the year was the Consecration and Constitution of Menorah Lodge 167 on Wednesday, September 1, 1954, in the beautiful Masonic Hall on Melrose Avenue in East Kildonan. As D.D.G.M. it fell to my lot to participate in this most impressive service and to present to the Lodge on behalf of the Twelfth District a beautiful set of Working Tools, subscribed for by the other twelve lodges comprising the District.

I was also called upon to officiate at a Dedication Service in Fidelity Lodge 146 on February 4, 1955, when I unveiled a fine set of regalia belonging to the late R.W. Bro. J. J. Sinclair, an exceedingly well known and beloved member of the Craft.

On Friday, March 11, 1955, I had the honor of reading the Lesson on the occasion of Divine Service of Mount Sinai Lodge 143 at the Shaarey Zadek Synagogue.

The District Church Service was held on Sunday, May 1, 1955, in the First Presbyterian Church, Canora and St. James Place, Winnipeg, conducted by the Very Rev. W. Gordon Maclean, M.A., B.D., D.D., himself a distinguished member of our Fraternity for a great many years. We were blessed by a beautiful spring morning and a large attendance, and by the attendance of yourself and suite. Dr. Maclean delivered a truly Masonic sermon and I was called upon to read the Lessons.

During the past twelve months it has fallen to my lot to accompany you, Most Worshipful Sir, on more than one occasion and I feel I cannot let this pass without expressing my sincere thanks for the opportunity afforded and adding my humble congratulations on the manner in which you at all times upheld the dignity of your high office. Your Addresses have been a source of help and inspiration to us all, and I shall always remember them.

To the utmost of my ability I have tried to be a worthy representative of the Grand Master and endeavored to guide the destinies of the Twelfth District in a manner that would meet with approval. I shall always look back on these last twelve months with gratitude for the chance it gave me to be of service to our beloved Fraternity and for the many close and lasting friendships formed during that period.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS WILSON,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED

TO

THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF

SISTER

GRAND LODGES

1954

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

Norman John Black

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3

Junior Grand Warden, 1928

Senior Grand Warden, 1929

Deputy Grand Master, 1930

Grand Master, 1931

DIED

May 8th, 1955

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William A. Mann

Lisgar Lodge No. 2
Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1931

DIED

March 21st, 1954

Oliver L. Best

St. John's Lodge No. 4
Senior Grand Deacon, 1943

DIED

May 19th, 1954

Francis R. Sutton

St. John's Lodge No. 4
Senior Grand Deacon, 1949
Hon. Past District Deputy Grand Master
1951

DIED

August 6th, 1954

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Daniel Wm. Smith

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7
Grand Pursuivant, 1946

DIED
August 27th, 1954

Walter M. Jackson

Gladstone Lodge No. 11
District Deputy Grand Master, 1939

DIED
February 4th, 1954

Thomas J. Butchart

Corinthian Lodge No. 15
District Deputy Grand Master, 1906

DIED
June 23rd, 1954

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

Frederick C. Barber

Birtle Lodge No. 39
District Deputy Grand Master, 1939

DIED

April 1st, 1954

William J. Cobb

Oriental Lodge No. 54
Grand Steward, 1906
District Deputy Grand Master, 1939

DIED

July 25th, 1954

George E. Keyes

East Star Lodge No. 55
District Deputy Grand Master, 1943

DIED

November 22nd, 1954

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

John M. Bateman

Vermillion Lodge No. 68
District Deputy Grand Master, 1940

DIED
July 1954

J. Frank Dart

King Edward Lodge No. 93
District Deputy Grand Master, 1932

DIED
January 21st, 1954

Sidney A. Restall

King Edward Lodge No. 93
Senior Grand Deacon, 1951

DIED
October 20th, 1954

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

Duncan N. McIntyre

Hiram Lodge No. 94

District Deputy Grand Master, 1946

DIED

August 24th, 1954

Jesse Edge

Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100

District Deputy Grand Master, 1935

DIED

April 30th, 1954

David Griffith

Windsor Lodge No. 138

District Deputy Grand Master, 1943

DIED

November 28th, 1954

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OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Acheson, T. S.	Jan. 13, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Johnston, A. E.	Apr. 14, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Williams, W. L.	Apr. 15, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Cooper, W. E.	Apr. 19, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Hindle, D. A.	July 18, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Glass, Jas.	Aug. 1, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
McGrattan, F. D.	Oct. 25, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
McCormick, R. S.	Nov. 9, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Langrill, W. F.	Jan. 3, 1954	Lisgar	2
Bryant, H.	Apr. 24, 1954	Lisgar	2
Hjortur, H.	Aug. 22, 1954	Lisgar	2
Panser, C. G.	Feb. 14, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Paterson, C. C.	Feb. 22, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Hamilton, J. R.	May 11, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Hutton, W. F.	May 14, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Burns, A. G.	May 21, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Mills, I. G.	May 27, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Dodds, W. J.	June 20, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Beatty, R. N.	June 15, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Borrow, A. J.	Aug. 9, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Morgan, F. M.	Sep. 1, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Shipman, W. S.	Sep. 8, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Masterman, A. J.	Oct. 24, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Brown, O. H.	Dec. 3, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Thoms, R.	Feb. 7, 1954	St. John's	4
MacPherson, D.	Feb. 19, 1954	St. John's	4
Wakeham, E. G.	Mar. 15, 1954	St. John's	4
Mowat, Wm.	Mar. 22, 1954	St. John's	4
Hall, A. J.	Mar. 22, 1954	St. John's	4
Chapple, Wm. D.	Apr. 16, 1954	St. John's	4
Carr, Wm.	May 14, 1954	St. John's	4
Williams, G. F. C.	May 25, 1954	St. John's	4
Ball, J. A.	June 1, 1954	St. John's	4
Dagg, Eric	June 10, 1954	St. John's	4
Houston, Wm.	Aug. 18, 1954	St. John's	4
Thorburn, Wm.	Sep. 18, 1954	St. John's	4
Pendrich, T. H.	Oct. 5, 1954	St. John's	4
Holyoak, G. F.	Nov. 1, 1954	St. John's	4
Forscutt, G. W.	Dec. 8, 1954	St. John's	4

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At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Quinn, B. F.	Dec. 28, 1954	Emerson	6
Dunkin, J. A.	Apr. 18, 1954	Assiniboine	7
Wood, H. V.	Aug. 28, 1954	Assiniboine	7
Stewart, A.	Sep. 21, 1954	Assiniboine	7
McPherson, E. A.	Nov. 18, 1954	Assiniboine	7
Ross, J. M.	Dec. 6, 1954	Assiniboine	7
Covernton, C. G.	Jan. 30, 1954	King Solomon	8
Stevenson, Wm.	Aug. 16, 1954	King Solomon	8
Armstrong, P. H.	Aug. 26, 1954	King Solomon	8
Carswell, R.	Dec. 28, 1954	King Solomon	8
Wilson, D. H.	Mar. 4, 1954	Northern Light	10
Harriman, T. H.	Aug. 7, 1954	Northern Light	10
Sanders, C. E.	Aug. 24, 1954	Northern Light	10
Boyd, J. E.	Sep. 29, 1954	Northern Light	10
Sterling, S. L.	Oct. 14, 1954	Northern Light	10
Marks, A. E.	Dec. 24, 1954	Northern Light	10
Mayers, G. H.	Oct. 13, 1954	Gladstone	11
Tallman, H. N.	Feb. 25, 1954	Stonewall	12
Smith, W. E.	Mar. 5, 1954	Morden	13
Conner, Thos.	Dec. 8, 1954	Morden	13
Kitchingman, H.	Oct. 25, 1954	Prince of Wales	14
Dodd, H.	Dec. 30, 1954	Prince of Wales	14
Hamilton, J.	May 1, 1954	Corinthian	15
Stephenson, T. P.	May 3, 1954	Corinthian	15
Hills, P. D.	Feb. 20, 1954	Brandon	19
Sarsfield, C. A.	Apr. 4, 1954	Brandon	19
Macpherson, R.	Apr. 11, 1954	Brandon	19
Coker, H.	June 14, 1954	Brandon	19
Carp, F.	June 27, 1954	Brandon	19
Lissaman, F. C.	June 29, 1954	Brandon	19
Meadows, R. E.	Sep. 16, 1954	Brandon	19
Greenwood, J. W.	Oct. 26, 1954	Brandon	19
Cross, F. A.	Dec. 12, 1954	Brandon	19
Pettersson, O. G. A.	Jan. 25, 1954	Ionic	25
Menzies, Wm.	Feb. 25, 1954	Ionic	25
Beales, T. B.	Feb. 26, 1954	Ionic	25
Galloway, D. M.	Mar. 25, 1954	Ionic	25
Warren, G. A.	Apr. 10, 1954	Ionic	25
Laing, K. G.	Apr. 24, 1954	Ionic	25

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Gray, J. McP.	Apr. 24, 1954	Ionic	25
Holmes, W. H.	May 2, 1954	Ionic	25
Kyle, J.	May 3, 1954	Ionic	25
Beaton, H. G.	May 31, 1954	Ionic	25
Cumberland, J. S.	July 3, 1954	Ionic	25
Robinson, W. N.	Sep. 11, 1954	Ionic	25
McLeod, D. R.	Oct. 13, 1954	Ionic	25
Gilbert, E. S.	Oct. 29, 1954	Ionic	25
Wilson, C. E.	Nov. 26, 1954	Ionic	25
Waring, E. D.	Aug. 13, 1954	Carberry	29
Armitage, J. R.	Apr. 22, 1954	Manitou	30
Gordon, J. W.	June 13, 1954	Manitou	30
Jopp, C. A.	Sep. 30, 1954	Manitou	30
Fraser, A. S.	Nov. 12, 1954	Manitou	30
Powell, H. E.	Mar. 12, 1954	Doric	36
Henderson, D.	June 3, 1954	Doric	36
Lay, P.	June 22, 1954	Doric	36
Gamble, H. L.	Sep. 15, 1954	Doric	36
Ewbank, J. W.	June 12, 1954	Birtle	39
McCuaig, J. D.	Aug. 20, 1954	Birtle	39
Aldis, C. W.	Aug. 6, 1954	Deloraine	40
Lidington, W. C.	Nov. 13, 1954	Deloraine	40
Kirkpatrick, R.	June 18, 1954	Lebanon	43
Amos, F. I.	Dec. 13, 1954	Lebanon	43
Moore, S. J.	Oct. 26, 1954	Glenboro	48
Boston, F. C.	Jan. 24, 1954	Temple	49
Southworth, J. F.	Feb. 2, 1954	Temple	49
Lowes, C. A.	May 9, 1954	Temple	49
Ormiston, I.	Oct. 23, 1954	Temple	49
Turner, J. E.	July 4, 1954	Killarney	50
Campbell, J. S.	Nov. 17, 1954	Killarney	50
Taylor, R. J.	Sep. 19, 1954	Hartney	52
Floyd, E. H.	Mar. 28, 1954	Oriental	54
Wyatt, R. N.	Aug. 5, 1954	Oriental	54
Corrie, F. V.	May 20, 1954	Holland	63
Ferris, W. A.	Aug. 17, 1954	Holland	63
Dexter, H. C.	Nov. 2, 1954	Holland	63
Myers, C. E.	May 3, 1954	Wawanesa	67
Mooney, Geo. Sr.	Nov. 15, 1954	Wawanesa	67

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Wick, Michael	Nov. 20, 1954	Vermillion	68
Wright, F. M.	May 8, 1954	Crystal	71
Robinson, J.	July 16, 1954	Gothic	75
Ruston, M. G.	Feb. 17, 1954	Cypress	82
Skillicorn, R. E.	June 1954	Hamiota	84
Curll, W. O.	Sep. 20, 1954	Hamiota	84
McBrien, W. E.	June 4, 1954	Elgin	86
Maguire, L. A.	June 26, 1954	Elgin	86
Ellis, J.	Apr. 25, 1954	Midlothian	90
Scott, W. W.	May 6, 1954	Midlothian	90
Halliday, W. H.	Mar. 16, 1954	Shoal Lake	92
Jenkins, G. E.	June 11, 1954	Shoal Lake	92
Manning, B. H.	Aug. 17, 1954	Shoal Lake	92
Fuller, E.	Feb. 14, 1954	King Edward	93
Maxwell, J. A.	Mar. 7, 1954	King Edward	93
Patterson, R.	Apr. 11, 1954	King Edward	93
Axworthy, G. J.	May 4, 1954	King Edward	93
Jupp, H. T.	June 15, 1954	King Edward	93
Morrison, E. L.	July 20, 1954	King Edward	93
Houston, R. G.	Aug. 3, 1954	King Edward	93
Seaborn, E. F.	Sep. 17, 1954	King Edward	93
Townsley, W.	Oct. 4, 1954	King Edward	93
Stewart, R. A.	Oct. 6, 1954	King Edward	93
Taylor, C.	Mar. 1, 1954	Hiram	94
Williamson, R. M.	Mar. 9, 1954	Hiram	94
Wilkinson, N.	Dec. 15, 1954	Hiram	94
Matheson, J.	Dec. 3, 1954	Binscarth	101
Evans, C. E.	Mar. 15, 1954	Miniota	102
Spalding, J.	July 16, 1954	Miniota	102
McIntyre, W. H.	Jan. 21, 1954	Crescent	103
Mellish, D. L.	Apr. 25, 1954	Reston	104
Douglas, T. A.	Aug. 16, 1954	Kilwinning	110
Francis, J. B.	Nov. 10, 1954	Kilwinning	110
Cessford, Wm.	Jan. 22, 1954	Acacia	111
Marks, J. E.	Apr. 25, 1954	Acacia	111
Carry, H. D.	May 3, 1954	Acacia	111
Fisher, D. L.	Nov. 9, 1954	Acacia	111
Betts, D. A.	May 10, 1954	Ophir	112
Oxholm, F. C. T. O.	June 19, 1954	Ophir	112

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Carr, G. L.	Sep. 6, 1954	Ophir	112
Robertson, P. C.	Feb. 14, 1954	Tweed	113
Boyle, J. J.	Mar. 15, 1954	Tweed	113
Barlow, R. T.	June 1, 1954	Tweed	113
Cruikshank, R. M.	Sep. 7, 1954	Tweed	113
Way, E. S.	Dec. 1, 1954	Tweed	113
Mathie, F. M.	Dec. 28, 1954	Tweed	113
Parrish, W. L.	Jan. 16, 1954	"The Assiniboine"	114
Rourke, A. D.	Feb. 3, 1954	"The Assiniboine"	114
McVey, J. C.	Mar. 25, 1954	"The Assiniboine"	114
Hunter, G. E.	Oct. 10, 1954	"The Assiniboine"	114
Fisher, W. K. C.	Nov. 13, 1954	"The Assiniboine"	114
Dyer, W. T.	May 22, 1954	Rivers	115
Duiven, R. C.	June 12, 1954	Rivers	115
Hunter, A. A.	Sep. 4, 1954	Mound	118
McEwan, G. M.	Mar. 20, 1954	Norwood	119
Lerner, M.	Sep. 30, 1954	Norwood	119
Cross, G. A.	Oct. 12, 1954	Norwood	119
Tickner, J. L.	Oct. 15, 1954	Norwood	119
Lowe, W. A.	Nov. 21, 1954	Norwood	119
Ramsden, J. E.	Dec. 30, 1954	Norwood	119
MacDonald, D. W.	Jan. 31, 1954	St. James	121
Howard, Wm.	May 20, 1954	St. James	121
Jackson, H. J.	Jan. 3, 1954	Transcona	123
Mayle, J. J.	Mar. 5, 1954	Transcona	123
Beaumont, P. R.	June 13, 1954	Transcona	123
Lewis, S. T.	Aug. 20, 1954	Transcona	123
Smith, C. W.	Aug. 25, 1954	Transcona	123
Dickens, C. S.	May 20, 1954	The Pas	124
Allen, W. M.	Sep. 21, 1954	The Pas	124
Dudley, J.	May 26, 1954	Empire	127
McIntosh, J. C.	Sep. 3, 1954	Empire	127
Gordon, J.	Feb. 13, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Brown, R. J.	Feb. 19, 1954	Fort Garry	130
MacDonald, A.	June 15, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Leitch, G. C.	June 2, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Richards, W. J.	June 24, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Scarth, H. L.	Sep. 3, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Brown, W. A.	Nov. 26, 1954	Fort Garry	130

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Young, G. J. A.	Dec. 5, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Murray, J. H.	Dec. 6, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Keele, F. C.	Mar. 24, 1954	Kildonan	131
Caldwell, T.	Apr. 20, 1954	Kildonan	131
Oliver, H. C.	July 17, 1954	Kildonan	131
Rutledge, P. R.	Aug. 13, 1954	Kildonan	131
Waller, R. R.	Oct. 1, 1954	Kildonan	131
Carson, R. N.	Aug. 26, 1954	Stony Mountain	134
Purdie, J.	Mar. 3, 1954	Capitol	136
Cherritt, T. A.	Aug. 21, 1954	Capitol	136
Brown, S. B.	Sep. 14, 1954	Capitol	136
Mylrea, J. B.	Oct. 22, 1954	Capitol	136
Bowack, J. H.	Nov. 30, 1954	Capitol	136
Wolfson, S.	Dec. 7, 1954	Capitol	136
Angus, J. C.	May 12, 1954	Lord Selkirk	137
Daum, C.	Aug. 2, 1954	Lord Selkirk	137
McManus, R. C.	Sep. 1, 1954	Lord Selkirk	137
Steele, G.	Aug. 21, 1954	Windsor	138
Boyd, J. E.	Sep. 29, 1954	Windsor	138
Manson, G.	Apr. 12, 1954	Beaver	139
Greaves, F. R.	May 13, 1954	Beaver	139
Brown, N. D.	June 24, 1954	Beaver	139
Marginson, Wm.	Feb. 19, 1954	Meridian	140
Norminton, G. V.	Mar. 26, 1954	Meridian	140
Smart, A. M.	Apr. 8, 1954	Meridian	140
Sangster, J.	May 21, 1954	Meridian	140
Maguire, F.	May 24, 1954	Meridian	140
Steele, Wm.	Oct. 25, 1954	Meridian	140
Walker, C. E.	Nov. 19, 1954	Meridian	140
Goldstine, S.	Sep. 26, 1954	Mount Sinai	143
Goldstine, I. J.	Dec. 6, 1954	Mount Sinai	143
Wiginton, F. L.	Feb. 11, 1954	Fort Osborne	144
Wiginton, F. H.	Feb. 24, 1954	Fort Osborne	144
Reach, T. F.	Jan. 12, 1954	Sturgeon Creek	145
Forbes, D.	May 6, 1954	Sturgeon Creek	145
MacDonald, A.	June 16, 1954	Sturgeon Creek	145
MacPhail, L. L.	Jan. 31, 1954	Fidelity	146
Gillis, C. L.	Sep. 26, 1954	Fidelity	146
Smith, W. M.	Nov. 23, 1954	Fidelity	146

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Marson, S. W.	Dec. 10, 1954	Fidelity	146
Collins, O. B.	Oct. 24, 1954	Jubilee	147
Oxenham, H. W.	Mar. 28, 1954	Seven Oaks	148
Guest, Jas.	July 19, 1954	Seven Oaks	148
Davenport, J.	Dec. 3, 1954	Seven Oaks	148
Graham, G.	July 14, 1954	Foxwarren	152
McLaughlin, W. V.	Nov. 8, 1954	Pine Falls	154
Patterson, J. S.	July 1, 1954	Carman	155
Aldcroft, Wm.	Oct. 25, 1954	Carman	155
Olender, W. A.	Oct. 27, 1954	Manitouwapa	156
Craig, R. W.	May 26, 1954	Rice Lake	157
Finnbogason, S.	Dec. 27, 1954	Rice Lake	157
Magilton, J.	Apr. 11, 1954	Fenwick	158
Cowan, F. C.	Aug. 20, 1954	Fenwick	158
Haddeland, K.	Nov. 21, 1954	Starbuck	160
Scott, W. O.	Apr. 5, 1954	Friendship	165
Manning, B. H.	Aug. 16, 1954	Friendship	165
Lerner, M.	Sep. 29, 1954	Friendship	165

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Wotton, H. E.	Sep. 21, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Smith, H. W.	Oct. 19, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Fletcher, B.	Nov. 16, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Despard, W. G.	Dec. 31, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Springman, H.	Dec. 16, 1952	Lisgar	2
Stevens, W. J.	Jan. 20, 1953	Lisgar	2
Smith, G. J.	Oct. 19, 1954	Lisgar	2
Jelly, B. L.	Dec. 31, 1954	Lisgar	2
Lansdown, C. V.	Jan. 18, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Wilson, J. H.	Nov. 15, 1954	Ancient Landmark	3
Gibson, W. G.	May 5, 1954	St. John's	4
Stewart, A.	Nov. 3, 1954	St. John's	4
Patzer, R. C.	Dec. 16, 1954	Emerson	6
Stewart, W. J. G.	Dec. 16, 1954	Emerson	6
Tait, W. W. J.	Sep. 20, 1954	Assiniboine	7
McBean, F. J.	Nov. 15, 1954	Assiniboine	7
McKay, R.	Nov. 15, 1954	Assiniboine	7
Inglis, W. R. M.	Dec. 20, 1954	Assiniboine	7
Muir, N. H.	Dec. 20, 1954	Assiniboine	7
Owens, I. N.	Dec. 20, 1954	Assiniboine	7
Pallister, H. G.	Dec. 20, 1954	Assiniboine	7
Pollinger, J. L.	Jan. 12, 1954	King Solomon	8
Zacharius, P.	Jan. 12, 1954	King Solomon	8
Barber, H. R.	Dec. 10, 1954	Gladstone	11
McIntyre, H. H.	Jan. 14, 1954	Stonewall	12
Reavie, K. C.	Dec. 9, 1954	Stonewall	12
Stein, L.	Dec. 9, 1954	Stonewall	12
Graham, H. B.	Jan. 5, 1954	Corinthian	15
Fogel, Wm.	Dec. 14, 1954	Brandon	19
Sanders, J. A.	Dec. 14, 1954	Brandon	19
Sanders, S.	Dec. 14, 1954	Brandon	19
Wilson, N. E.	Dec. 14, 1954	Brandon	19
Martin, C. M.	Feb. 9, 1954	Neepawa	24
Cox, W. H.	Dec. 14, 1954	Neepawa	24
Hyett, E. H.	Dec. 14, 1954	Neepawa	24
Spence, D. R.	Jan. 4, 1954	Ionic	25
Blacklock, J. S.	Dec. 31, 1954	Ionic	25
Lovelace, H. W.	Dec. 31, 1954	Ionic	25
Haigh, J. D.	June 25, 1954	Glenwood	27
Ewart, McLaren	Sep. 24, 1954	Glenwood	27
William, B. O.	Nov. 19, 1954	Carberry	29
Rogers, M. R.	Dec. 20, 1954	Carberry	29
Crump, W. H. H.	Oct. 6, 1954	Doric	36
Sutherland, A. M.	Dec. 14, 1954	Doric	36
Mason, A.	Nov. 15, 1954	Birtle	39
Peterson, J. A.	Dec. 15, 1954	Deloraine	40
Crouch, R. T.	Dec. 7, 1954	Lebanon	43
Macdonnell, M. B.	Dec. 14, 1954	Glenboro	48
Embree, B. W.	Oct. 21, 1954	Temple	49
Bailey, R. R.	Dec. 20, 1954	Killarney	50
Gates, K. S.	Dec. 20, 1954	Killarney	50
Neal, I. S.	June 30, 1954	Treherne	51

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Stewart, J. C.	Dec. 3, 1954	Treherne	51
Smith, F. G.	Nov. 2, 1954	Hartney	52
Donogh, W. R.	Dec. 7, 1954	Hartney	52
Walker, C. G.	Dec. 7, 1954	Hartney	52
McKellar, A. D.	Oct. 26, 1954	Oriental	54
Ramsay, J.	May 11, 1954	Russell	62
Stalker, C.	Jan. 1954	Holland	63
Bingham, C. W.	Nov. 2, 1954	Vermillion	68
Easterbrook, W. J. A.	Nov. 2, 1954	Vermillion	68
Bartley, J. G.	Oct. 14, 1954	Shiloh	70
Bartley, R. R.	Nov. 11, 1954	Shiloh	70
Stacey, C. R.	Sep. 14, 1954	Crystal	71
Grant, J. R.	Jan. 1, 1954	Elkhorn	74
Black, Wm.	Dec. 17, 1954	Elkhorn	74
Young, L. E.	Jan. 13, 1954	Gothic	75
Dillon, Wm.	Oct. 23, 1954	Hamiota	84
McNair, M. C.	Dec. 14, 1954	Elgin	86
Hepworth, E. H.	Dec. 20, 1954	Midlothian	90
Zivot, J. S.	June 1954	Shoal Lake	92
Menzie, F.	Jan. 1, 1954	King Edward	93
Bruce, A. J.	Nov. 17, 1954	King Edward	93
Thorburn, R. F.	Nov. 17, 1954	King Edward	93
Ducat, E.	Dec. 9, 1954	King Edward	93
McEachern, G. D.	Oct. 1954	Hiram	94
Seymour, A. E.	Dec. 1954	Hiram	94
Callander, J. C.	Jan. 14, 1954	Reston	104
Wilson, W. G.	Jan. 14, 1954	Reston	104
McLain, Bruce	May 13, 1954	Reston	104
Hewitt, C. S.	Dec. 9, 1954	Reston	104
Elliott, D. C. M.	Feb. 4, 1954	Prince Arthur	105
Curll, R. H.	Jan. 21, 1954	Union	108
Gibson, H. B.	Dec. 13, 1954	Kilwinning	110
Williams, F. H.	Sep. 8, 1954	Acacia	111
Claman, B. B.	Apr. 19, 1954	Ophir	112
Williams, G.	May 22, 1954	Ophir	112
Walker, R.	Oct. 18, 1954	Ophir	112
Murrell, W. F.	Nov. 20, 1954	Ophir	112
Ridley, J. I.	Nov. 20, 1954	Ophir	112
Schmidt, J. P.	Nov. 20, 1954	Ophir	112
Spence, W. J.	Apr. 20, 1954	Tweed	113
Olson, L.	Nov. 16, 1954	Tweed	113
Rogers, F. J.	Nov. 16, 1954	Tweed	113
Lovell, O. L.	Sep. 7, 1954	"The Assiniboine"	114
Mohr, J.	Sep. 7, 1954	"The Assiniboine"	114
Council, C. W.	Jan. 15, 1954	Rivers	115
Lindall, B. W.	Jan. 15, 1954	Rivers	115
Blowers, J. E.	Dec. 27, 1954	Rivers	115
Gibbs, K. R.	Dec. 8, 1954	Strathcona	117
James, A. R.	Sep. 23, 1954	Mound	118
Adams, C. C.	Jan. 14, 1954	Norwood	119
Reilly, A. L.	Dec. 9, 1954	Norwood	119
Riddell, L. H.	Dec. 28, 1954	Penza	120

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Railton, T. W.	Nov. 10, 1954	St. James	121
Thompson, J. H.	Dec. 8, 1954	St. James	121
McGill, W. T.	Jan. 8, 1954	Roblin	122
Leavens, I.	Nov. 15, 1954	Roblin	122
Hamilton, A. C.	Dec. 22, 1954	Roblin	122
Waters, E. A.	Dec. 22, 1954	Roblin	122
Frederick, A.	May 7, 1954	Transcona	123
Rogers, H. E.	Nov. 5, 1954	Transcona	123
Stamler, J. T.	Dec. 3, 1954	Transcona	123
Campbell, K.	Jan. 7, 1954	The Pas	124
McKenzie, A.	Mar. 4, 1954	The Pas	124
Brown, J.	Dec. 2, 1954	The Pas	124
Poersh, W. F.	June 9, 1954	Patricia	125
Murray, J. H.	Dec. 1, 1954	Patricia	125
Nicholson, D. L.	Dec. 7, 1954	Favel	126
Litchfield, P.	Jan. 11, 1954	Empire	127
Stephen, A.	Apr. 12, 1954	Empire	127
Clark, Robt.	Dec. 13, 1954	Empire	127
Lockhart, T. J.	Dec. 13, 1954	Empire	127
Wood, John	Dec. 13, 1954	Empire	127
Latimer, F. M.	Dec. 15, 1954	Victory	128
Holland, A. E.	Jan. 13, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Sparling, D. B.	Jan. 13, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Weston, N.	Jan. 13, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Eyford, B. G.	Feb. 10, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Reid, C. J.	Mar. 10, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Williams, L. G.	Oct. 13, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Everett, A. H.	Dec. 8, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Stevens, G. P.	Dec. 8, 1954	Fort Garry	130
Williams, G. C.	Dec. 12, 1954	McCreary	133
Cooper, W. G.	Dec. 12, 1954	McCreary	133
Wingrove, R. A.	Oct. 1, 1954	Capitol	136
Kuhn, J.	Nov. 5, 1954	Capitol	136
Kerr, G.	Dec. 3, 1954	Capitol	136
McClements, A. E.	Dec. 3, 1954	Capitol	136
Sawyer, L. R.	Dec. 3, 1954	Capitol	136
Smith, A. G.	Dec. 3, 1954	Capitol	136
Jacobs, R. L.	Jan. 13, 1954	Lord Selkirk	137
Stainier, A.	Dec. 8, 1954	Lord Selkirk	137
Scott, N. H.	Dec. 8, 1954	Lord Selkirk	137
Innes, A. H.	Sep. 18, 1954	Windsor	138
Astwood, M. S.	Sep. 18, 1954	Windsor	138
Pattison, H. C.	Dec. 9, 1954	Beaver	139
Leighton, T. A. Jr.	Apr. 15, 1954	Meridian	140
Armstrong, W. Jr.	Sep. 16, 1954	Meridian	140
Bendixen, F.	Oct. 21, 1954	Meridian	140
Fennell, W. F.	Nov. 18, 1954	Meridian	140
Worsick, Wm.	Nov. 18, 1954	Meridian	140
Frederickson, A. H.	Dec. 16, 1954	Meridian	140
Murray, G.	Dec. 16, 1954	Meridian	140
Hall, A. W.	Dec. 16, 1954	Harmony	142
Smith, J. G.	Dec. 16, 1954	Harmony	142

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Swartz, M. J.	Dec. 29, 1952	Mount Sinai	143
Miller, I.	Nov. 25, 1954	Mount Sinai	143
Billinkoff, L.	Dec. 23, 1954	Mount Sinai	143
Hayward, C. F.	Jan. 4, 1954	Sturgeon Creek	145
Bendall, S. J.	Oct. 4, 1954	Sturgeon Creek	145
Brown, G. H.	Oct. 4, 1954	Sturgeon Creek	145
Gardiner, A.	Nov. 1, 1954	Sturgeon Creek	145
Donaldson, A. M.	Sep. 3, 1954	Fidelity	146
Thomson, G. R.	Nov. 5, 1954	Fidelity	146
Bloxham, A. R.	Dec. 31, 1954	Fidelity	146
Jefferson, R. E.	Dec. 31, 1954	Fidelity	146
Cadman, J. L.	Feb. 12, 1954	Seven Oaks	148
MacKay, J. K.	Dec. 10, 1954	Seven Oaks	148
Scott, R. H.	Dec. 10, 1954	Seven Oaks	148
Miller, R.	Nov. 2, 1954	The Dormer	151
Somers, M. E.	Dec. 7, 1954	The Dormer	151
Belton, G. S.	Feb. 3, 1954	Foxwarren	152
Porter, A. B.	Dec. 7, 1954	Flin Flon	153
Jamieson, F. L.	Oct. 19, 1954	Carman	155
Morton, J. R.	Jan. 22, 1954	Fenwick	158
Mitchell, R.	Mar. 26, 1954	Fenwick	158
Houssian, H. A.	July 1, 1954	Fenwick	158
Barber, H. J.	Sep. 24, 1954	Fenwick	158
Daum, C. G.	Dec. 31, 1954	Starbuck	160
Wickstrom, D. T.	Jan. 6, 1954	Fort Prince of Wales	161
Millen, H. A.	June 2, 1954	Fort Prince of Wales	161
Veniotte, M. W.	Oct. 6, 1954	Fort Prince of Wales	161
Golden, D.	Nov. 8, 1954	Charleswood	163
Bloudoff, W. B.	Feb. 24, 1954	Harry Woods	164
Elwell, H. W.	Feb. 24, 1954	Harry Woods	164
McNeill, G. F.	Dec. 9, 1954	Friendship	165
Hawley, E. H.	Dec. 30, 1954	Friendship	165
Jackson, F. P. W.	Dec. 30, 1954	Friendship	165
Shackleford, R. G.	Dec. 8, 1954	Woodworth	166

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1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas. Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	H. D. P. Le Chappellain	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J.D O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton

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1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thos. Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	*Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	Rev. John Wells
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A.Ovas	*John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbie
1906	*John McKechnie	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville

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1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm.Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M.Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott
1915	*William Fenwick	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	C. F. Hasselfield	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. J Jackson	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	*James A. Ovas		Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	A. L. Crossin	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	*Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay

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1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	*George Hunter	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	*George Hunter	*Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	*George Hunter	*Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	*George Hunter	*Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	*Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	*James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Alex Burgess	*James A. Ovas		Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	*James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		†Bishop George R. Calvert
1935	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		†Bishop George R. Calvert
1936	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	†BishopG.R.Calvert	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	†BishopG.R.Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	*J. J. Henderson	†BishopG.R.Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Ben C. Parker	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	†BishopG.R.Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S. H. Fahrni	*Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis

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1943	*Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. H. B. Wallace
1945	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. H. B. Wallace
1946	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	*Alex. Burgess	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		†Rev. E. A. Syms
1947	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Alex. Burgess	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		†Rev. E. A. Syms
1948	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Hugh A. Innes	W. Percy White	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. R. S. Montgomery
1949	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Hugh A. Innes	G. A. McMorran	W. Percy White	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. R. S. Montgomery
1950	Chas. E. Cole	F. H. Blythe	G. A. McMorran	H. H. Gray	W. Percy White	Harry Coddington		Rev. Canon Fredk. Hughes
1951	F. H. Blythe	G. A. McMorran	H. H. Gray	J. R. C. Evans	W. Percy White	Harry Coddington		Rev. Canon Fredk. Hughes
1952	G. A. McMorran	H. H. Gray	J. R. C. Evans	R. E. Emmett	W. Percy White	T. C. Jackson		†Rev. H. L. Newton
1953	H. H. Gray	J. R. C. Evans	R. E. Emmett	J. F. Irwin	W. Percy White	T. C. Jackson		†Rev. H. L. Newton
1954	J. R. C. Evans	R. E. Emmett	J. F. Irwin	D. Rothstein	W. Percy White	T. C. Jackson		Rev. J. E. Cooper
1955	R. E. Emmett	J. F. Irwin	D. Rothstein	W. A. Prugh	J. P. Mowat	T. C. Jackson		Rev. C. R. Newcombe

*Dead †Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Wm. Throp	W. K. Mulock	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	J. H. Menzies	John Norquay	Third Tuesday
A — 3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	C. J. Scott	K. L. Bardal	Third Monday
A — 4	St. John's	Winnipeg	W. L. Milne	T. L. Dodsworth	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	F. R. Dowswell	K. C. R. Coulter	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	A. L. Lamont	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	Robt. Forrest	O. B. Cossitt	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Robt. Collier	Jas. Souter	Third Thursday
A — 11	Gladstone	Gladstone	D. A. Cathcart	S. Sorenson	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	A. S. Matthewson	M. R. Good	Second Thursday
13	Morden	Morden	M. W. Carruthers	W. L. Jessiman	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	A. S. Thoms	E. Kitchingman	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	R. J. Newitt	G. R. Underhill	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon	F. H. Jackson	A. G. Warr	Second Tuesday
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie	E. M. Brown	G. G. Grigg	Fourth Monday
A — 24	Neepawa	Neepawa	A. J. Vodden	A. Clark	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	E. M. Evans	E. L. Hardie	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	Paul Scott	J. A. Leslie	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	D. J. Marnock	E. A. Berry	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	W. H. Bowler	C. L. Sanders	First Wednesday
36	Doric	Boissevain	C. J. Fisher	T. E. Fleming	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	F. J. Leggat	W. J. Brown	Second Monday
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	J. W. Hammell	J. A. Whitlaw	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	A. M. Paul	J. C. Anderson	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	A. L. Burch	J. D. Bell	Second Thursday
A — 48	Glenboro	Glenboro	G. L. Hopkins	W. Oliphant	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	MacGregor	Jas. Mitchell	H. I. Collins	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	C. H. Baker	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	R. H. Truesdale	L. E. Staples	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	A. T. Keeler	A. A. Muir	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	F. G. Drier	C. E. Cornish	Fourth Tuesday
55	East Star	Gretna	W. R. McNab	P. Schuppert	Second Tuesday
62	Russell	Russell	A. E. Mather	H. E. Way	Second Tuesday
63	Holland	Holland	H. C. Sundell	W. M. Scharff	Second Wednesday
64	Composite	Alexander	W. M. Wallace	L. W. Skinner	Third Thursday
A — 67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	Job Lea	H. J. Williams	Third Monday
68	Vermillion	Dauphin	E. W. Hawkins	J. A. Shields	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Roland	R. I. Stocks	K. G. Stocks	Second Thursday

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
71	Crystal	Crystal City	G. A. Custance	G. S. Mutch	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	O. D. Verner	F. J. Hall	Second Monday
75	Gothic	Austin	C. E. Hotel	A. Johnston	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Napinka	F. B. Burnett	J. S. Holland	First Thursday
A — 82	Cypress	Cypress River	A. I. Diehl	R. I. Connon	Fourth Monday
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	A. Cummings	F. J. Coombs	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Elgin	A. E. Cochrane	J. W. Moffat	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	H. Tarbath	A. H. Macdonald	First Tuesday
90	Midlothian	Miami	F. Stockford	A. C. Orchard	Third Monday
A — 92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	D. Davidowski	C. W. McLean	Second Thursday
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	W. K. Worton	F. C. Davey	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram	Grandview	Robt. Dalby	R. B. Elliott	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	O. H. Minish	O. G. Johnson	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	John Warr	M. E. Clegg	Third Monday
102	Miniota	Miniota	D. C. Douglas	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	G. A. Shaw	J. R. Ivey	First Wednesday
104	Reston	Reston	E. R. Bulloch	John Cuthill	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	C. A. Cotton	W. C. Anderson	First Thursday
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	Geo. Harvey	H. W. Clark	Third Tuesday
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	Glen Rae	W. D. Griggs	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union	Brookdale	A. C. Lawrie	Robt. Barrett	Third Thursday
A —109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	H. E. Foster	G. O. Couch	Third Wednesday
110	Kilwinning	Minto	G. A. S. Durston	H. V. Popple	Second Monday
A —111	Acacia	Winnipeg	J. B. Marshall	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir	Beausejour	H. C. G. Ligertwood	J. A. Longbottom	Third Friday
113	Tweed	Brandon	Jas. Hodgson	H. S. Perdue	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	W. P. Johnson	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	Rivers	Rivers	Jos. Mitchell	E. C. Smith	Last Monday
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	I. A. Grant	G. W. Wells	First Monday
117	Strathcona	Belmont	J. W. Goodbrand	R. D. Saunders	Fourth Tuesday
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	V. A. Graham	R. E. Hicks	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood	Norwood	W. J. Thorogood	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	Penza	Dominion City	J. P. Bingham	H. T. Kelly	Fourth Tuesday
121	St. James	St. James	Ed. Murray	E. S. Reeves	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	Jas. Stewart	H. Maslove	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	Alex. Bowers	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	W. Guymer	Wm. Howie	First Thursday
125	Patricia	Sperling	A. J. Pedersen	J. J. Tjaden	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	W. E. Lindsay	G. D. Bertram	First Tuesday

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127	Empire	Winnipeg	Fredk. Hedgecock	A. D. Adamson	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	G. E. Martin	H. S. Tax	Third Wednesday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	O. M. Day	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	East Kildonan	C. C. Finlayson	C. H. Cook	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	D. L. Thomson	Thos. McCarthy	First Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	R. T. Robinson	Jas. Crout	Second Wednesday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	G. F. Mackie	Thos. Hartley	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	R. A. Ward	W. J. Law	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	B. G. Harris	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	N. J. Haywood	J. B. McClure	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	Harry Rhodes	F. H. Herbert	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	Sam'l Gee	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	D. C. Wolk	N. C. Law	Second Friday—a.m.
142	Harmony	Cardale	A. Friebert	E. A. Corbett	Third Thursday
143	Mount Sinai	Winnipeg	I. C. Schacter	M. A. Nitikman	Fourth Thursday
A —144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	R. F. Smith	A. Laidlaw	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	A. L. Bessey	L. D. Bester	First Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	J. E. Dack	Wm. Wilson	First Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	E. R. Jenner	D. W. Basarab	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	West Kildonan	W. R. Hayward	A. C. Pritchard	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	R. D. McMillan	T. B. Poole	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	East Kildonan	Jasper Brady	R. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	John Cooper	F. W. Tarrant	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	Wm. Sutton	W. A. Young	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	David Brewster	B. H. Campbell	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	Robt. M. Allen	R. C. Metcalfe	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	Saul Schwartz	D. McFadyen	Third Tuesday
157	Rice Lake	Bissett	E. A. Fults	G. H. Lucas	First Friday
158	Fenwick	Brandon	W. G. Mitrou	H. M. Kerr	Fourth Friday
159	Newdale	Newdale	J. O. Young	W. J. Lawrence	First Thursday
160	Starbuck	Starbuck	F. A. Owens	F. L. Topham	Fourth Thursday
161	Fort Prince of Wales	Churchill	F. W. Pollitt	R. W. Brown	First Wednesday
162	Ashlar	Norwood	L. E. Ostrander	G. E. Winter	First Tuesday
163	Charleswood	Charleswood	A. G. Lawrence	C. F. Hayward	Second Monday
164	Harry Woods	Lundar	Oli Johnson	G. J. Breckman	Fourth Tuesday
165	Friendship	Fort Garry	J. A. Marshall	H. C. Wolfe	First Thursday
166	Woodworth	Kenton	E. Borgstrom	G. A. Perrin	Second Wednesday
167	Menorah	Winnipeg	H. L. Stein	B. Brookler	First Wednesday

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1	Prince Rupert's	16	11	11	1	0	4	1	0	8	430	.....	434
2	Lisgar	12	12	8	0	0	4	0	0	4	191	.....	195
3	Ancient Landmark	10	15	23	0	0	2	1	0	13	387	.....	381
4	St. John's	12	11	11	2	1	2	1	0	18	609	.....	603
6	Emerson	4	3	3	2	0	2	0	0	1	77	.....	80
7	Assiniboine	4	7	7	0	0	7	2	0	6	297	.....	286
8	King Solomon	3	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	83	.....	81
10	Northern Light	20	15	13	2	1	0	1	0	6	352	.....	368
11	Gladstone	9	9	6	0	0	1	1	0	2	101	.....	106
12	Stonewall	6	6	5	2	0	3	0	0	1	126	.....	130
13	Morden	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	80	.....	79
14	Prince of Wales	7	6	6	3	0	0	1	0	2	117	.....	124
15	Corinthian	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	69	.....	67
19	Brandon	11	8	8	4	0	4	3	0	9	262	.....	261
21	Marquette	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	32	.....	37
24	Neepawa	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	165	.....	161
25	Ionic	20	19	20	1	0	3	5	0	15	645	.....	643
27	Glenwood	0	1	1	7	0	2	2	0	0	158	.....	161
29	Carberry	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	75	.....	73
30	Manitou	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	73	.....	72
36	Doric	3	4	4	2	2	2	1	0	4	121	.....	121
39	Birtle	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	3	69	.....	67
40	Deloraine	5	7	7	0	1	1	4	0	2	90	.....	89
43	Lebanon	5	5	5	6	0	1	0	0	2	99	.....	107
44	Oak Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	.....	41
48	Glenboro	3	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	65	.....	68
49	Temple	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	4	77	.....	74
50	Killarney	3	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	79	.....	80
51	Treherne	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	67	.....	65
52	Hartney	4	4	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	106	.....	106

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54	Oriental	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	82	.....	78
55	East Star	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	.....	49
62	Russell	2	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	73	.....	73
63	Holland	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	61	.....	60
64	Composite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	.....	58
67	Wawanesa	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	65	.....	65
68	Vermillion	7	9	9	2	3	2	0	0	2	195	+1	204
70	Shiloh	1	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	78	.....	80
71	Crystal	0	4	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	89	.....	86
74	Elkhorn	3	3	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	47	.....	47
75	Gothic	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	57	.....	57
77	Napinka	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	.....	61
82	Cypress	3	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	43	.....	42
84	Hamiota	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	80	+1	80
86	Elgin	2	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	66	.....	65
87	Rathwell	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	.....	27
90	Midlothian	5	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	64	.....	66
92	Shoal Lake	2	3	4	0	0	1	3	0	3	74	.....	69
93	King Edward	13	8	7	1	0	4	2	0	13	316	.....	311
94	Hiram	5	5	5	0	0	2	0	0	4	90	.....	89
100	Robbie Burns	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	.....	36
101	Binscarth	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	32	.....	33
102	Miniota	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	53	.....	52
103	Crescent	3	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	90	.....	90
104	Reston	4	4	3	0	1	4	0	0	1	174	.....	174
105	Prince Arthur	9	10	9	2	0	1	2	1	0	106	.....	113
106	Strathclair	4	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	61	.....	63
107	Lansdowne	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	.....	51
108	Union	9	10	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	52	.....	60
109	Swan Lake	2	2	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	45	.....	45

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1953	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1954
110	Kilwinning	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	57	.....	53
111	Acacia	19	15	14	3	0	1	1	0	4	330	.....	346
112	Ophir	7	4	2	0	0	5	0	0	3	91	.....	90
113	Tweed	13	15	16	3	1	3	0	0	6	278	.....	286
114	"The Assiniboine"	12	20	6	0	0	2	0	0	5	377	.....	382
115	Rivers	10	9	7	1	0	4	0	0	1	113	.....	119
116	St. Andrew's	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	.....	39
117	Strathcona	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	65	+1	67
118	Mound	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	74	.....	76
119	Norwood	11	13	13	11	0	2	1	0	6	313	.....	326
120	Penza	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	55	.....	57
121	St. James	15	15	15	4	0	2	4	0	2	293	.....	304
122	Roblin	4	4	5	0	0	4	4	0	0	66	.....	62
123	Transcona	3	5	5	0	1	3	1	0	5	167	.....	162
124	The Pas	4	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	144	.....	143
125	Patricia	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	54	.....	51
126	Favel	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	49	.....	50
127	Empire	15	11	11	2	1	5	1	0	2	209	.....	219
128	Victory	4	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	54	.....	56
130	Fort Garry	18	18	24	2	0	8	1	0	9	341	.....	343
131	Kildonan	13	13	13	0	0	0	1	0	5	142	.....	149
132	Sprague	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	33	.....	33
133	McCreary	7	6	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	54	.....	60
134	Stony Mountain	4	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	81	.....	85
136	Capitol	23	22	22	2	2	6	2	0	6	319	.....	332
137	Lord Selkirk	13	13	9	2	0	3	3	0	3	169	.....	175
138	Windsor	16	12	14	3	0	2	2	0	3	244	.....	256
139	Beaver	13	15	15	2	3	1	4	0	3	310	.....	320
140	Meridian	10	12	12	1	4	7	2	0	7	400	.....	399
141	Tuscan	11	7	7	3	0	0	5	0	0	114	.....	123

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142	Harmony	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	36	.....	36
143	Mount Sinai	14	15	15	3	0	3	0	0	2	348	.....	360
144	Fort Osborne	15	14	14	2	0	0	0	0	2	240	.....	255
145	Sturgeon Creek	12	12	12	3	1	4	3	0	2	175	.....	182
146	Fidelity	15	20	20	1	1	4	2	0	5	299	.....	305
147	Jubilee	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	71	.....	73
148	Seven Oaks	13	13	16	3	0	3	1	0	3	138	.....	147
150	Cartwright	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	.....	45
151	The Dormer	5	5	5	7	0	2	2	0	0	127	.....	135
152	Foxwarren	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	41	.....	42
153	Flin Flon	12	9	9	4	0	1	1	0	0	171	.....	185
154	Pine Falls	7	6	6	4	2	0	4	0	1	77	.....	85
155	Carman	4	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	86	.....	87
156	Manitouwapa	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	70	.....	70
157	Rice Lake	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	49	.....	48
158	Fenwick	21	17	12	5	0	4	0	0	2	150	.....	170
159	Newdale	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	.....	37
160	Starbuck	4	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	66	.....	68
161	Fort Prince of Wales	14	17	16	1	2	3	0	0	0	83	.....	97
162	Ashlar	8	8	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	64	.....	75
163	Charleswood	10	9	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	64	.....	74
164	Harry Woods	5	4	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	64	.....	68
165	Friendship	15	15	19	2	0	3	0	0	3	95	.....	106
166	Woodworth	4	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	33	.....	38
167	Menorah	5	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	.....	+43	52
	Totals	703	688	678	147	35	190	102	1	267	15176	+46	15547

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No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's	9	5	14	140	294	62	9	90.00	615.39	2,061.57	667.80	20,648.52	2,300.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	7	16	106	275	65	39	506.00	.....	617.25	2,669.85	34,277.45	2,900.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's	9	8	17	161	442	87	29	360.00	82.00	5,525.99	791.00	40,458.12	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light	9	5	14	94	274	65	15	189.00	421.75	2,793.76	220.00	16,307.44	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic	10	8	18	177	466	120	44	773.50	245.23	2,161.75	1,731.50	64,402.29	2,500.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward	9	7	16	71	240	65	18	164.00	80.50	935.78	630.00	10,586.28	1,600.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia	9	11	20	65	281	65	31	350.00	110.00	63.89	1,252.13	17,896.12	3,000.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	9	6	15	89	293	80	3	45.00	563.00	551.96	.....	19,052.96	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
119	Norwood	9	13	22	48	278	78	16	264.00	99.95	693.53	292.00	14,979.19	19,000.00	Active	1	Own
121	St. James	9	8	17	51	253	76	17	263.00	383.75	173.10	330.00	15,638.10	3,500.00	Active	1	Rent
127	Empire	9	12	21	41	178	65	17	240.00	203.50	1,859.55	403.95	22,329.14	15,000.00	Active	1	Own
162	Ashlar	9	6	15	5	70	33	....	.....	.....	2,104.82	460.92	2,391.90	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
165	Friendship	9	9	18	12	94	48	....	40.00	.....	493.71	356.15	2,377.49	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent

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7	Assiniboine	10	6	16	110	176	60	42	399	227.13	1,520.03	.....	15,798.71	34,000.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone	12	3	15	69	37	34	9	85	5.00	123.88	.....	7,623.88	6,000.00	Active	1	Own
21	Marquette	10	3	13	1	36	25	17	204	.....	904.30	30.00	979.30	200.00	Active	1	Rent
24	Neepawa	10	1	11	71	90	37	13	150.00	185.39	513.86	441.48	5,717.38	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry	10	3	13	33	40	23	6	42.00	63.50	161.02	.....	4,037.23	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple	12	6	18	29	42	25	34	238.00	100.00	400.00	650.00	12,250.00	7,000.00	Active	1	Own
75	Gothic	12	1	13	26	31	17	4	91.00	.....	316.21	.....	2,516.21	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
108	Union	12	8	20	16	44	21	3	21.00	30.00	162.06	.....	2,897.81	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
133	McCreary	12	....	12	19	41	23	14	190.00	235.00	243.01	.....	4,833.01	4,400.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
48	Glenboro	10	3	13	24	44	23	4	28.00	45.00	459.66	.....	809.66	350.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Treherne	10	1	11	24	45	20	14	144.00	17.25	246.19	2,300.00	5,646.19	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
63	Holland	10	1	11	27	33	18	6	54.00	25.50	441.41	.....	1,841.41	400.00	Active	1	Rent
67	Wawanesa	10	2	12	18	47	25	11	121.00	21.57	302.33	.....	1,102.33	350.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress	9	3	12	16	28	17	8	84.00	.....	694.12	.....	1,294.12	600.00	Active	1	Rent
87	Rathwell	12	....	12	10	17	11	2	18.00	.....	789.62	.....	1,082.77	300.00	Active	1	Rent
103	Crescent	8	5	13	28	62	36	16	200.00	72.84	430.12	.....	16,430.12	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
109	Swan Lake	11	1	12	13	32	20	6	70.00	.....	189.09	.....	2,889.09	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
117	Strathcona	12	....	12	23	44	23	5	37.50	25.00	1,121.85	.....	3,759.35	690.00	Active	1	Rent
160	Starbuck	11	....	11	2	66	28	....	.....	.....	2,456.70	.....	3,806.70	750.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

13	Morden	10	2	12	34	45	24	9	65.00	15.00	404.06	.....	2,149.06	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou	11	6	17	26	46	22	9	70.00	25.00	621.76	1,300.00	3,821.76	5,650.00	Active	1	Own
36	Doric	11	3	14	40	81	32	20	147.00	45.00	800.00	1,500.00	12,500.00	12,000.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney	12	2	14	27	53	21	9	63.00	.....	582.56	.....	3,332.56	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal	12	2	14	27	59	21	3	18.00	61.78	762.69	.....	1,862.69	200.00	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound	12	1	13	18	58	17	15	162.00	44.31	110.27	.....	7,810.27	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
150	Cartwright	11	....	11	10	35	13	8	56.00	20.00	780.15	.....	980.15	.....	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
14	Prince of Wales	10	2	12	44	80	33	15	160.85	60.00	176.33	.....	9,130.68	9,500.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian	12	....	12	21	46	23	4	74.00	30.00	93.28	.....	3,913.28	3,600.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle	12	....	12	21	46	22	5	40.00	845.92	403.83	.....	6,443.83	8,000.00	Active	1	Own
62	Russell	10	....	10	25	48	27	9	83.00	36.00	152.63	487.00	6,415.63	8,000.00	Active	1	Own
84	Hamiota	12	....	12	14	66	25	9	105.00	36.54	762.57	.....	1,512.57	250.00	Active	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake	10	1	11	39	30	13	10	55.00	.....	471.88	139.50	2,426.38	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
101	Binscarth	12	....	12	11	22	11	12	204.00	.....	199.93	180.00	769.93	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
102	Miniota	12	....	12	26	26	12	6	40.00	.....	305.12	.....	4,305.12	4,000.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair	12	1	13	22	41	22	9	70.00	10.00	128.51	547.50	4,248.70	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers	10	1	11	55	64	27	20	171.90	.....	1,186.94	2,119.43	12,367.51	16,000.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony	12	....	12	12	24	13	2	15.00	.....	234.72	.....	734.72	500.00	Active	1	Rent
152	Foxwarren	12	....	12	17	25	16	5	62.00	68.75	446.15	.....	1,746.75	2,100.00	Active	1	Own
159	Newdale	12	1	13	10	27	21	....	.....	.....	443.34	.....	1,443.34	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

27	Glenwood	10	3	13	70	91	40	19	164.00	13.00	1,078.72	130.00	28,448.72	19,000.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine	11	4	15	22	67	30	22	300.00	.....	765.05	2,679.50	18,185.55	16,500.00	Active	1	Own
52	Hartney	12	....	12	34	72	36	20	154.00	96.00	1,221.39	.....	3,111.39	1,800.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental	12	....	12	24	54	16	4	32.00	.....	1,730.12	169.75	3,307.37	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka	10	....	10	24	37	18	19	196.00	38.00	331.49	.....	1,731.43	500.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin	12	1	13	15	50	25	4	28.00	35.00	274.01	.....	674.01	500.00	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston	12	1	13	44	130	42	24	192.00	66.00	233.19	.....	17,925.19	15,500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning	12	....	12	19	34	20	6	72.00	.....	8.58	100.00	2,910.40	2,900.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con-dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon	10	11	21	81	180	41	30	280.00	201.00	1,684.31	.....	11,384.31	500.00	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon	10	....	10	51	56	33	8	68.00	301.50	442.33	.....	2,542.33	450.00	Active	1	Rent
44	Oak Lake	10	....	10	16	25	11	5	40.00	58.00	60.59	400.00	4,410.59	3,500.00	Fair	1	Own
64	Composite	10	....	10	20	38	17	....	.....	19.00	232.04	.....	2,332.04	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
74	Elkhorn	10	1	11	19	38	20	7	90.00	.....	504.14	848.00	2,656.14	4,800.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne	10	....	10	18	33	12	11	97.00	12.00	99.43	.....	4,599.43	2,200.00	Fair	1	Own
113	Tweed	10	7	17	108	178	40	23	212.00	130.00	1,111.16	487.70	23,808.96	.....	Active	1	Rent
158	Fenwick	10	12	22	35	135	40	7	72.00	81.35	2,532.62	448.50	3,610.06	500.00	Active	1	Rent
166	Woodworth	12	1	13	1	37	24	1	10.00	23.20	477.27	.....	977.27	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

6	Emerson	12	6	18	31	49	23	8	280.00	152.53	981.54	.....	21,281.54	8,700.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Solomon	12	8	20	25	56	35	12	115.00	10.00	455.05	.....	19,948.08	17,000.00	Active	..	Own
55	East Star	11	....	11	36	13	8	9	76.00	.....	18.41	60.75	1,957.66	2,000.00	Active	..	Own
70	Shiloh	10	....	10	29	51	31	11	75.00	15.00	274.09	.....	11,451.09	10,150.00	Active	1	Own
90	Midlothian	10	2	12	24	42	18	10	84.00	44.50	637.25	96.00	1,896.22	200.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza	11	....	11	19	38	19	6	55.00	10.00	1,010.53	.....	3,510.53	2,500.00	Fair	..	Own
125	Patricia	10	....	10	21	30	20	1	8.00	.....	65.65	43.90	7,581.75	7,000.00	Active	1	Own
132	Sprague	9	....	9	19	14	7	13	123.00	.....	186.97	.....	486.97	500.00	Active	1	Rent
155	Carman	10	1	11	19	68	30	25	182.00	.....	635.17	.....	1,435.17	500.00	Good	..	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con-dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion	10	2	12	87	117	48	39	673.75	.....	350.38	3,418.00	11,680.74	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
94	Hiram	12	2	14	40	49	22	12	142.00	10.00	33.78	800.00	2,473.88	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns	10	....	10	17	19	12	10	88.00	195.00	230.31	.....	980.31	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur	12	6	18	37	76	35	13	130.00	107.00	1,509.74	.....	2,509.74	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin	12	1	13	18	44	25	8	125.00	.....	84.46	2,000.00	13,884.46	12,000.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel	12	2	14	13	37	19	6	77.00	48.15	98.89	.....	2,438.89	1,700.00	Active	1	Own
128	Victory	9	1	10	27	29	14	8	42.00	.....	267.68	.....	1,217.68	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee	12	1	13	22	51	19	24	466.70	140.95	297.59	.....	747.59	300.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

2	Lisgar	9	8	17	29	166	45	49	532.50	217.57	956.18	.....	18,494.51	14,000.00	Active	1	Own
12	Stonewall	12	3	15	36	94	40	7	64.00	130.80	350.91	.....	6,650.91	5,700.00	Active	1	Own
112	Ophir	10	1	11	20	70	26	21	165.00	.....	647.08	.....	12,147.08	11,000.00	Active	2	Own
123	Transcona	9	2	11	26	136	32	30	369.50	165.00	1,457.67	.....	6,815.48	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan	9	9	18	32	117	42	10	120.00	90.00	934.89	129.50	1,294.39	500.00	Active	1	Rent
134	Stony Mountain	11	2	13	18	67	22	7	64.00	.....	524.52	.....	4,924.54	2,400.00	Active	1	Own
148	Seven Oaks	9	6	15	20	127	51	15	185.00	341.50	3,559.48	9,949.49	13,448.69	21,500.00	Active	1	Rent
151	The Dormer	9	7	16	7	128	50	12	136.00	172.00	1,153.25	263.00	10,994.85	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls	10	3	13	27	58	30	17	73.50	492.15	1,311.64	24.00	4,973.41	750.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa	9	....	9	32	38	25	8	55.00	32.00	1,291.80	1,266.50	5,526.30	7,500.00	Active	1	Rent
164	Harry Woods	12	....	12	10	58	32	5	58.30	25.00	1,063.56	.....	1,064.56	600.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con-dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry	9	8	17	63	280	95	34	402.00	358.65	300.84	378.00	10,195.18	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	9	7	16	45	287	101	35	456.00	511.00	2,055.68	277.00	9,057.68	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk	9	5	14	27	148	63	11	172.50	125.00	939.90	.....	5,639.90	1,100.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor	9	10	19	34	222	72	16	194.00	.....	753.87	796.33	60,372.53	35,000.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	11	20	76	244	61	51	556.00	205.00	1,563.54	324.76	8,248.78	500.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian	9	5	14	72	327	94	36	320.00	632.22	858.63	712.00	19,073.13	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
141	Tuscan	9	....	9	20	103	40	11	127.00	210.82	1,371.65	.....	3,319.57	500.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai	9	6	15	44	316	57	30	322.00	24.00	2,539.11	1,154.17	13,426.23	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne	9	7	16	45	210	50	42	656.00	255.84	2,194.32	534.21	7,547.61	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek	9	9	18	36	146	60	25	361.00	371.03	1,911.90	.....	6,638.87	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	7	16	54	251	65	32	317.00	560.15	2,033.87	351.35	11,600.52	200.00	Active	1	Rent
163	Charleswood	9	7	16	10	64	35	14	164.00	57.00	825.61	.....	3,843.92	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
167	Menorah	9	5	14	....	52	35	....	.....	81.00	1,246.16	68.75	1,177.41	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Addresses
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Montgomery, P.O. Box 98
Alberta	E. H. Rivers	Calgary, Masonic Temple
Alpina (Switzerland)	Marcel Wiegandt	Geneva, 10—Grand-Quae
Argentina	Alcibiades Lappas	Buenos Aires, Cangallo 1242 (Rm. 28)
Arizona	J. A. E. Ivey	Tucson, P.O. Box 1488
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock, Masonic Temple
British Columbia	J. H. N. Morgan	Vancouver, 692 Seymour St.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco, 25 Van Ness St.
Canada (Ontario)	E. G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chile	Zacarias Gomez M.	Santiago, Casilla 2867
Colombia	Pedro A. Baquero G.	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	H. W. Bundy	Denver 2, 300 Masonic Temple, 1614 Welton St.
Connecticut	Earle K. Haling	Hartford 3, Masonic Temple
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	San Jose, Apartado 1052
Cuba	Jose F. Castellanos	Havana, Apartado 72
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark, N.G.L.	Einar Hoeg	Copenhagen, 23 Blegsdamvej
District of Colombia	Raymond N. Babcock	Washington 5, Masonic Temple
Ecuador	J. A. Vallejo Ycaza	Guayaquil, F.C.O.P. Lavayen, No. 222
England	Sir Sydney A. White	London, Gt. Queen St.
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville 2, Masonic Temple
France, G. L.	Georges Marty	8 Rue Puteaux, Paris
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Georgia	D. W. Locklin	Macon, 811 Mulberry St.
Guatemala	C. E. Bianchi	Guatemala City, Apartado 48
Honduras	Miguel A. Zelaya	Tegucigalpa, Box 28, Honduras, C.A.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1677
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg, P.O. Box 441
Indiana	Dwight L. Smith	Indianapolis, Masonic Temple
Iowa	Earl B. Delzell	Cedar Rapids, Masonic Temple
Ireland	J. O. Harte	Dublin, 17 Molesworth St.
Kansas	Arthur H. Strickland	Topeka, 320 West 8th. St.
Kentucky	A. E. Orton	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens Jr.	New Orleans, 333 St. Charles St.
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland, Masonic Temple
Manitoba	Thos. C. Jackson	Winnipeg 2, Masonic Temple
Maryland	Claude Shaffer	Baltimore, Masonic Temple
Massachusetts	Earl W. Taylor	Boston 16, 51 Boylston Ave.
Mexico, Y.G.L.	Carl E. DeVries	Mexico 1, D.F.—Apartado 1986
Michigan	C. T. Sherman	Grand Rapids, Masonic Temple
Minnesota	D. E. Palmer	St. Paul, Masonic Temple
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian, P.O. Box 1030
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	St. Louis, 3681 Lindell Blvd.
Montana	Byron F. Gaither	Helena, P.O. Box 1158
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Omaha, 401 Masonic Temple
Netherlands	Dr. A. A. Galestin	The Hague, Fluwelen Burgwal 22
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City, P.O. Box 467
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 430
New Hampshire	Harold O. Cady	Concord, 44 S. Main St.
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton 10, 100 Willow St.
New Mexico	Chandler C. Thomas	Albuquerque, P.O. Box 535
New South Wales	James S. Miller	Sydney, 279 Castlereagh St.
New York	Edward R. Carman	New York 10, 71 West 23rd St.
New Zealand	F. G. Northern	Wellington, P.O. Box 1833
North Carolina	W. L. McIver	Raleigh, P.O. Box 3068
North Dakota	Harold S. Pond	Fargo, P.O. Box 1269
Norway	Odd Lie-Davidsen	Oslo, N. Voldgate 19
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Oklahoma	C. A. Sturgeon	Guthrie, Masonic Temple

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Addresses
Oregon	H. D. Proudfoot	Portland, 1119 S.W. Park
Panama	Nathan A. Reid	Panama, Apartado 84
Paraiba	Eslu Eloy	Paraiba, P.O. Box 3—Brazil
Pennsylvania	George A. Avery	Philadelphia 7, Masonic Temple
Philippine Islands	Antonio Gonzalez	Manila, P.O. Box 990
Puerto Rico	Emiliano Isales	P.O. 8385 Santurce (Fernandez Juncos Station)
Prince Edward Island	F. A. VanIderstine	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112
Quebec	R. W. Louthood	Montreal, 1559 St. Marks St.
Queensland	E. G. Radford	Brisbane, Box 675K; G.P.O.
Rhode Island	N. Arthur Hyland	Providence, Masonic Temple
Rio de Janeiro	Miguel Claro	Rio de Janeiro, P.O. Box 2215
Santa Domingo	J. M. Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robt. A. Tate	Regina, Masonic Temple
Sao Paulo	Henrique Smith	Sao Paulo, P.O. Box 8348
Scotland	Alex. F. Buchan	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Australia	F. J. Ellen	Adelaide, Box 19, Rundle St. P.O.
South Carolina	H. F. Collins	Columbia, 502 Palmetto State Life Bldg.
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls, P.O. Box 468
Tasmania	H. A. Wilkinson	Hobart, 117 Macquarrie St.
Tennessee	Thos. E. Doss	Nashville 2, P.O. Box 216
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Utah	E. R. Gibson	Salt Lake City, 650 E. South Temple St.
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington, Masonic Temple
Victoria	C. W. Davis	Melbourne, 25 Collins St.
Virginia	James N. Hillman	Richmond, Masonic Temple
Washington	J. I. Preisener	Tacoma 3, Masonic Temple
West Virginia	J. B. Hollingsworth	Charleston 28, P.O. Box 2346
Western Australia	N. J. Munro	Perth, Box d-117-G.P.O.
Wisconsin	P. W. Grossenbach, Jr.	Milwaukee, 705 E. Wells St.
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper, P.O. Box 459

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Montgomery	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	W. H. Jackson	Innisfail	Mar. 19, 1954
Alpina (Switzerland)	Wm. Planta	Berne	Sept. 2, 1941
Argentina	Cesar de Madariaga	Buenos Aires	Apr. 21, 1954
Arizona	Rev. R. S. Calder	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	J. H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1940
Canada (In Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto	Mar. 22, 1944
Chile	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut			
Costa Rica	M. J. Piza Gabriel	Cartago	Dec. 18, 1952
Cuba	T. E. Sierra	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 4, 1946
District of Columbia	Convass B. Dean	Arlington (Va.)	Aug. 8, 1949
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Florida	Frank H. Brown	Miami	Apr. 2, 1940
France, G.L.	B. Thiriat Maurice	Paris	1945
France, N.G.L.	G. H. Hargreaves	Paris	Feb. 22, 1952
Guatemala	D. W. Orbough	Guatemala City	May 23, 1954
Georgia	H. Sol. Clark	Savannah	Oct. 5, 1953
Honduras	J. M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	Dr. G. H. Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	Guy L. Roberts	Indianapolis	Sept. 15, 1951
Iowa	C. D. Jory	Sheldon	May 20, 1953
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Homer C. Anderson	Topeka	Mar. 8, 1951
Kentucky	F. W. Gallagher	Louisville	Oct. 15, 1953
Louisiana	J. A. Thompson	Minden	Dec. 19, 1950
Maine	Geo. R. Caswell	Augusta	Apr. 14, 1952
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Roger A. Vint	Malden	Nov. 28, 1950
Mexico, Y. G. L.	H. S. Golding	Mexico	May 15, 1954
Michigan	Joseph L. Hunter	Beaverton	Nov. 12, 1954
Minnesota	C. E. Hegman	St. Paul	June 27, 1949
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	Apr. 19, 1932
Missouri	H. C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	J. C. Haglund	Cut Bank	June 15, 1954
Nebraska	E. C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1943
Netherlands	Dr. M. ten Cate	Amsterdam	Apr. 16, 1948
Nevada	S. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	Apr. 14, 1939
New Hampshire	D. W. Hopkins	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	J. F. Russell	Jersey City	Apr. 1, 1923
New Mexico	J. G. Benton	Jal	Dec. 4, 1945
New South Wales	S. A. Taplin	Drummoyne	Aug. 5, 1947
New York	B. L. Rodee	New York	Oct. 1, 1954
New Zealand	R. W. Carpenter	Hawk's Bay	Mar. 4, 1948
North Carolina	W. F. Owens		1946
North Dakota	Harold S. Pond	Fargo	Mar. 4, 1953
Norway	Sigurd Halvorsen	Oslo	July 30, 1948
Nova Scotia	Rev. D. M. Sinclair	Halifax	Dec. 31, 1954
Ohio	F. R. Dwyer	Bradford	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma	J. Gard Duncan	Wapanucka	Dec. 31, 1946
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Andres Mojica	Panama	Jan. 20, 1953
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico	Leon G. Reyes	Caguas	May 4, 1945

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Prince Edward Island	Frank S. Myers	Crapaud	June 20, 1953
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	Wm. K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June 1, 1923
Rhode Island	H. V. Allen	Warwick	July 29, 1948
Rio de Janeiro	Arthur R. Guimares	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 6, 1954
Sao Paulo	Mauricio Utechitel	Sao Paulo	July 27, 1951
Saskatchewan	F. C. Hayes	Swift Current	July 23, 1945
Scotland	D. M. Watson	Glasgow	Aug. 19, 1948
South Australia	H. C. Souter	Adelaide	May 13, 1954
South Carolina	Wm. W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	Jess. H. Thorpe	Watertown	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	Apr. 24, 1928
Tennessee	H. H. Harter	Clarksville	Mar. 2, 1953
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah	J. W. Buck	Park City	Oct. 4, 1945
Vermont	A. H. Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan. 5, 1944
Victoria	E. J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	Hugh M. Reid	Arlington	Nov. 21, 1949
Washington	G. L. Buck	Seattle	Mar. 1, 1951
West Virginia	C. B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug. 17, 1939
Western Australia	T. H. Bath	Perth	Dec. 13, 1946
Wisconsin	R. H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

Grand Lodge	Representatives	Address	Date
Alabama	B. Warkentin	Beausejour	Mar. 24, 1948
Alberta	H. M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	S. H. Fahrni	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 16, 1952
Argentina	J. F. Irwin	Neepawa	May 19, 1954
Arizona	A. D. Blair	Alexander	Aug. 6, 1953
Arkansas	George H. Lucas	Bissett	Aug. 20, 1952
British Columbia	J. C. Grant	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1945
Canada (in Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sept. 13, 1940
Chile			
Colombia	A. S. McCann	Winnipeg	Apr. 29, 1949
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	N. C. Law	Winnipeg	Jan. 26, 1954
Costa Rica	J. D. Lloyd	Emerson	Feb. 7, 1949
Cuba	W. P. White	Winnipeg	Mar. 16, 1954
Delaware	J. G. Wiechman	Treherne	Mar. 18, 1952
Denmark	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1951
District of Columbia	A. C. Cabel	Winnipeg	Aug. 5, 1949
Ecuador	S. W. Robertson	Winnipeg	Apr. 26, 1946
England	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	Feb. 3, 1954
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	Apr. 30, 1945
France, N.G.L.	Chas. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar. 3, 1937
France, G.L.			
Guatemala	Robert Wood	Minnedosa	Jan. 12, 1951
Georgia	W. A. Prugh	Brandon	June 5, 1947
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	S. J. Sametz	Winnipeg	Mar. 7, 1949
Illinois	W. R. Leslie	Morden	June 21, 1931
Indiana	R. E. Emmett	St. James	Apr. 3, 1944
Iowa	G. A. McMorran	Souris	May 28, 1953
Ireland	H. Coddington	Winnipeg	Oct. 14, 1950
Kansas	John Cuthill	Reston	Feb. 27, 1953
Kentucky	J. D. McKinlay	Winnipeg	May 23, 1951
Louisiana	Chas. E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Winnipeg	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland	David Ferguson	Moosehorn	Nov. 5, 1945
Massachusetts	P. G. Hawkins	Winnipeg	Jan. 17, 1951
Mexico, York G.L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	A. J. Sawatsky	Morris	May 23, 1949
Minnesota	F. H. Blythe	Winnipeg	Feb. 5, 1952
Mississippi	J. Reid Glenn	Winnipeg	Dec. 20, 1951
Missouri	T. C. Jackson	Winnipeg	Mar. 9, 1953
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	N. Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951
Netherlands	W. E. Glover	Roland	May 2, 1953
Nevada	J. P. Mowat	Winnipeg	June 30, 1950
New Brunswick	R. A. McKenzie	Roland	May 16, 1949
New Hampshire	W. D. G. Runions	Winnipeg	Nov. 22, 1948
New Jersey	Dave Rothstein	Winnipeg	Feb. 20, 1953
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 10, 1937
New South Wales	I. Zipursky	Winnipeg	July 21, 1953
New York	G. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May 14, 1932
New Zealand	S. Burland	St. Vital	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robt. Peel	Miniota	Sept. 4, 1941
North Dakota	W. C. McDonald	Roland	Feb. 28, 1953
Norway	Walle Larsson	Winnipeg	Apr. 25, 1952
Nova Scotia	D. S. Woods	St. Norbert	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	A. E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
Oklahoma	D. W. Smith	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 16, 1950
Oregon	J. W. Bringhurst	Winnipeg	Mar. 24, 1952
Panama	Walter Dalzell	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 10, 1951
Paraiba	Alex. Campbell	Winnipeg	June 15, 1946

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Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Philippine Islands	John Livesey	Swan River	May 22, 1947
Puerto Rico	G. V. Henderson	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	F. B. Lynes	Crystal City	June 3, 1948
Quebec	H. T. Waters	Winnipeg	May 17, 1940
Queensland	G. P. Fairbairn	Winnipeg	Aug. 23, 1948
Rhode Island	J. R. C. Evans	Brandon	Oct. 18, 1945
Rio de Janeiro	H. L. Morrow	Melita	May 10, 1953
Santa Domingo	E. L. White	Winnipeg	1953
Saskatchewan	H. H. Gray	Winnipeg	Nov. 10, 1948
Scotland	Wm. Douglas	Winnipeg	Feb. 11, 1936
Sao Paulo	E. B. Litz	Rathwell	Aug. 20, 1951
South Australia	J. J. Allen	Winnipeg	Feb. 21, 1950
South Carolina	W. M. Frame	Souris	Mar. 27, 1953
South Dakota	Jas. Wardrope	Winnipeg	Apr. 10, 1945
Tasmania	T. L. Dodsworth	Winnipeg	July 21, 1945
Tennessee	J. S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Winnipeg	Feb. 14, 1941
Utah	D. MacDonald	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont	F. K. Purdie	Griswold	May 13, 1932
Victoria	A. R. Dick	W.Kildonan	Apr. 8, 1953
Virginia	Clarence Hyde	Portage la Prairie	Nov 25, 1948
Washington	G. R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May 20, 1929
West Virginia	B. S. Parker	Winnipeg	May 10, 1954
Western Australia	J. B. McClure	St. Vital	Sept. 17, 1948
Wisconsin	N. M. Hall	Winnipeg	May 7, 1945

MASONIC REVIEWS
1954-1955

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

The following reviews cover
all Grand Lodge Proceedings received
to June 1st, 1955

ALABAMA, 1953

This Grand Lodge has had a gain of around 2000 members and is in an extremely healthy financial condition. The Grand Orator Rev. E. L. McFee gave a most thought-provoking oration which is well worth special attention. The Grand Master's Address is most interesting, covering a legion of matters pertaining to the good government of a Grand Lodge. The Grand Master cautioned the Masters of his constituent lodges to procure a copy of "List of Regular Lodges" throughout the world, and to have it always on hand at their meetings, as many visitors appear to come from other Grand Jurisdictions and in some cases they came from Clandestine Lodges and therefore great care must be given to the acceptance of visitors at lodge meetings.

ALBERTA, 1954

Grand Master Jackson constituted and consecrated four lodges. This Grand Lodge is financially solvent and making good strides in Freemasonry. The many reports make interesting reading and the Address of M.W. Bro. Jackson, contains much good advice and food for thought. The rulings made by the M.W. Grand Master, and approved by this Grand Lodge may well be a guide to those with similar queries, though much of course would depend on the requirements of the Constitution in any Jurisdiction. It was also most interesting to read the rules for recognition of another Grand Body.

ARGENTINA, 1953

The Grand Master paid tribute to Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. Fabian Onsari, who held the office of Grand Master for fourteen years and was delegated by the Grand Master to represent him at the Grand Master's Conference at Washington in 1953, where he delivered an informative address on "Masonry in Argentina." From his address we quote:

"Although our progress is slow, it is very evident it is slow due to our surroundings and because we are zealous regarding the admission and progress of the Brethren. We established the term of one year for passing from the First to the Second Degree, and another year for raising to the Third Degree, with the qualifications that during such period

the attendance of the Brother be of 80% of the meetings held, and also a final examination in order to prove a candidate's knowledge and preparation in the Craft.

"May I stress that for the initiation the candidate must state his belief in God, and also, that he has no communistic, Nazi or falangist ideas; and also, the name of the candidate is sent to all lodges in the country, thereby allowing any Brother to register his objection to the candidate's admission into the Craft should he consider him unworthy."

Their Constitution provides that a petitioner must be twenty-two years of age before being eligible to receive the degrees.

ARIZONA, 1954

Grand Master F. E. Brown has given a clear and concise report of his stewardship during his year in Office, being specially pleased with the formation of new lodges and making a suggestion that any lodge of 350 or more members become automatically a Lodge of Research without power to confer Degrees. It would seem to require a good deal of thought before such action was taken as was shown by the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee that it be not adopted. We note too, that a recommendation to start a Masonic Home, jointly with the Order of the Eastern Star was turned down.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA (IN ONTARIO)

We were pleased to know that R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Grand Secretary had made a good recovery from his illness. He reports an increase in membership which would bring it over 130,000. Sixty-year pins were presented to 18 members, each of whom may be justly proud of such a fine Masonic Record.

Grand Master J. A. Hearn gave a very fine address, touching on many subjects both interesting and educational and one has but to read it thoroughly to know that M.W. Bro. Hearn has given of his best during his term in Office.

There were three Lodges Instituted and six Constituted and Consecrated which gives a slight indication of the healthy growth in this Grand Lodge, and we are sure every member

is looking forward to the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary in July, 1955. May they experience as steady and honorable a growth through the next Century.

COLORADO, 1954

This Grand Lodge held eight special Communications during the Masonic year, which along with his many visitations, would let us know that Grand Master Glover did not waste any time. His Address makes for very interesting reading and covers almost every facet of Freemasonry, including aid to rehabilitating those who have been mentally ill; quite a number of Masonic trials could act as a guide to other Grand Lodges similarly troubled, and an interesting fact . . . the M.W. Grand Master with members of his own Lodge were putting on the play "A Rose Upon the Altar" for the 54th time with the author, M.W. Bro. Carl Claudy in the audience. One could be sure that M.W. Bro. Claudy would be pleased with an able and feelingly presented play.

CONNECTICUT, 1954

Grand Master G. S. Hull has given generously of his time during his year in office, with not a few perplexing questions with which he appears to have dealt wisely. It is unfortunate to note that a suit for $100,000.00 has been instigated against a lodge, the Temple Association and certain Masons by a candidate who claims injuries while receiving one of his degrees. Surely a warning to other over-enthusiastic members. Plans are ready to proceed with a new Hospital, turning the present building into a nurses' home. Half of the funds required have already been raised and lodges have been instructed to become more active in the matter of raising the balance required.

The Grand Lodge is financially sound and had a membership increase of 824, making a total of 46,476 distributed among 130 Lodges.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1954

We find very interesting reading in the reports of the various committees. Grand Master F. B. Blackburn gave a very fine report of his stewardship, making many visits both in his own Jurisdiction and to other Grand Lodges. It was

interesting to read that this Grand Lodge runs a school of Instruction for Lodge Officers and despite the fact this is held on a Saturday evening, is apparently very well attended. This Grand Lodge is in excellent financial condition and is to be commended on its various interests.

ENGLAND, 1954

It is always most interesting to read the proceedings of the Mother Grand Lodge whose Lodges are not all confined within their own borders. We note 9 Lodges overseas became dormant and with only one Lodge under their Jurisdiction now active in Japan, the District Grand Lodge was dissolved —but against the 9 losses, 51 new Lodges have been formed in England, Wales, India, South Africa, Gambia and Rhodesia. A warning was given to their membership to exercise care when travelling that they were not visiting unrecognized Bodies. We note the "Colonial, Indian and Foreign Committee" have changed its name to "External Relations Committee." Manitoba also deleted the word "Foreign" in this same connection. It is a fact, that while each Grand Lodge has its own Constitution, rules and regulations, most interest is given to the findings of our United Grand Lodge of England.

FLORIDA, 1954

The Address of the Grand Orator was both timely and stimulating. The Grand Master had a number of special Communications and constituted five new Lodges. The Reports of the Committees are clear and concise and give a good view of the work and thought given to the government of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master has had a busy year handling all business in a dexterous manner. In his Address, he stressed to the Masters and Wardens that the business of Grand Lodge was their responsibility because as the representatives of their respective Lodges, they WERE Grand Lodge, and called their attention to the fact that if they were absent from the Communication the Lodges were being deprived of their rightful representation.

IDAHO, 1954

A few words concerning the Shrine are appropriate here. This is something of interest to Blue Lodge Masons, and needs to be said:

The new Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, Brother Frank S. Land of Kansas City, Missouri, is well known to many of you, at least by name, as the father of DeMolay. On assuming office on July 1, 1954, he immediately dedicated his administration as Imperial Potentate to the major goal of seeking to influence, and bring the Shrine throughout North America closer to Craft Masonry. To this end he wrote me, as he must have to every active Grand Master, a personal letter and sent me a brochure entitled the Shrine Trestleboard, wherein he sets forth his appeal to the individual Shriner and his program for the year. Without reporting the brochure in detail, but taking only the highlights, I should tell you that he maintains that the average Shriner who wears a fez for the first time has passed through the degrees of the Blue Lodge and either one of the two Rites much too quickly, probably in less than a year's time, so that he has learned little or nothing of the tradition of Craft Masonry, nothing of the landmarks or the philosophy of the Fraternity. He then goes on to say that Nobles should ever remember that they are Masons first and Shriners second.

He maintains that the great mass of Shrine membership, which has more than doubled in the last fifteen years, is not Blue Lodge conscious or thoroughly familiar with the great teachings of the Order, its exactions as well as its rectitude of conduct. "Occasionally," he says, "too much enthusiasm leads to the type of entertainment which should not be staged or to some acts at variance with the principles of Grand Lodges. Here the court of last resort is the Grand Master and/or the Grand Lodge, the supreme governing body of all Masons. The Grand Master has the power by edict to read the Shrine out of existence! The more that individual Nobles support and take part in their Blue Lodges, the less likely they are to be led to actions which neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge can tolerate."

If the Shrine is to have the respect and good will of Craft Masonry on this continent much depends on one capsule word—"deportment." Shriners must follow the same rectitude of conduct in and outside the Shrine as practiced in the Blue Lodge.

Because of the pageantry and the splendor inherent in Shrine activities the Shriner is usually before the public more than any other Mason—he is in the limelight as Masonry's representative. Probably less than one-half of one per cent of the total membership of Shriners, now nearing eight hundred thousand, forget themselves and bring disrepute upon

the whole organization. This, the Shrine must overcome. The day is at hand when Shriners must practice what they preach.

The solid core of this program for the year is service by each and every Shriner in and for Craft Masonry. Promote Blue Lodge work. Give more than you get. Become active Blue Lodge Masons. Potentate Land hopes eventually to have the Shrine by its own good conduct, and emphasis on its worth-while charitable and social endeavors, eventually accepted into the family of Craft Masonry as a Concordant Body.

Whether you agree with this or not, the fact remains that his analysis of the problem and his program for the year are very commendable.

ILLINOIS, 1954

We meet today as a Grand Lodge for the one hundred and fifteenth Annual Communication and my mind goes back to that day when a small group of Masons representing only six Lodges met in my home town of Jacksonville and organized this Grand Lodge. I stood a few days ago in Central Park in Jacksonville, looking across at the building where these Pioneer Masons met, trying to think of the tremendous effect for good that has come to the people of this Great Central West due to Freemasonry becoming deep rooted at that time and spreading its influence for good into every hamlet and city of our Jurisdiction. Time has marched on, miraculous changes have taken place and the boundaries of the world have changed many times but the true principles of Freemasonry continue to cause men to hold steadfast to a spirit of rectitude and to exemplify to the world, a way of life which brings men together with many religious beliefs under the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

It is true that we are living in a world divided by two ideologies. One-half of the world is trying to stamp out the eternal spirit of Him who doeth all things well and the other one-half looking for Divine guidance that we may continue to live under the flag of freedom handed down to us by those men of courage who recognized that the Great Architect of the Universe is Supreme. So, my Brethren, we meet this morning, representing that Ideology, which is based on a belief in Eternal God, under whose watchful care we submit our report at this time.

INDIANA, 1954

Grand Master Lamb paid many visits to other Grand Jurisdictions and had a busy year in Office in his own Jurisdiction. His report to Grand Lodge is a most interesting and varied one, and educational to those who are fortunate to read it.

IOWA, 1954

Grand Master Hayes paid almost 100 visits in his own Grand Jurisdiction, apart from his travels to other Grand Lodges. The Grand Master in his Address drew attention to the fact that while there were a number of members receiving 50 year Certificates there was one who received a 70 year membership Certificate and one—Bro. A. O. Hopkins who was present at a meeting of Faithful Lodge No. 488 to receive his Certificate as a member of 75 years standing, and remarked that with perhaps one exception, there was no one present who was living at the time Bro. Hopkins received his Degrees. Grand Master Hayes was present to lay the cornerstone of the new Masonic Library in Iowa, which edifice from pictures we have seen does great credit to the members of this Grand Lodge.

KANSAS, 1954

"Freemasonry in Kansas in the past ninety-eight years has truly been a progressive science. The impelling force behind all of my endeavors during the year has been a sincere desire to make as much progress as possible. We have had a wonderfully good year and Masonry, though ancient as civilization itself, continues to keep abreast of the times and exercise its influence in the affairs of the world. It still issues a challenge for its votaries to maintain its leadership among the masses of the people and demonstrate its influence to the rest of the world. We who are members of the Order know of the tremendous influence that Masonry has exerted in the past in every State and National crisis and that it still behooves us to be vigilant lest in these times of isms and dogmas, our own temples and altars be threatened.

I am firmly convinced that Masons should use their influence individually and collectively to keep the State, National and World affairs on an even keel and that by so doing, we will hasten the day when "Nation shall not rise up against nation, neither shall they know war any more." *Grand Master*

KENTUCKY, 1953

"I am wondering today if our Educational and Religious programs are geared to keep pace with this rapid progress, that we are making in the other fields. I am confident that we should increase our efforts, and make plans to advance these necessities, to the extent, that we can keep up with the ever increasing needs that we are confronted with today. If we do not consider and make plans to expand these two programs, we will eventually become confused, which will result in our inability to face the realities of life, then fear will predominate our thinking, and will cause us much confusion in our lives as time goes by. I know of nothing that is a better antidote for the many perplexities we encounter each day, than Education and Religion. If these two things are given the proper places in our busy lives, they will afford us much comfort in the times of trouble. We must also, of necessity, equip ourselves with Masonic knowledge and be willing to display by example, those virtues, that mark us as Masons; believing as we should, that Masonry is more than a name, another institution, or a brotherhood; that it is a way of life bringing to man the greatest amount of freedom, security and happiness, and is therefore vital as a process of thought and action, to every man engaged in promoting the welfare of his society." *Grand Master Sirkle*

LOUISIANA, 1954

"There is one matter that has disturbed me greatly and that is in a number of instances, I have noted the laxity of those who are appointed on Committees of Investigation. Too many times these brethren have failed completely in their duty and those who are unworthy have been allowed to enter our fraternity. It is inconceivable to me that a brother will accept appointment on a Committee of this nature and then be so neglectful and careless in his duty as to run the risk of burdening his brethren and his Lodge with a member who is unworthy and who, may later, cause trouble and embarrassment to the Lodge. There is one instance on record during my term wherein a Lodge received a petition and conferred all three degrees on a candidate who for more than six years had not lived in this State. Certainly the Committee in this instance made no investigation at all. I urge all Masters to exercise great care in the appointment of brethren to serve on these committees in order that we may know that every applicant is proper material for our Lodge before the degrees are conferred." *Grand Master*

MASSACHUSETTS, 1953

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVED FRATERNAL SPIRIT

Let me make a suggestion that will help to prove the quality of our fraternal spirit, if acted upon. In some of our Districts there are Lodges that have one or two or three candidates a year. This is not very much of a challenge to a line of officers. Would it not be a brotherly thing for some of our bigger and stronger Lodges with a plethora of candidates during the year to invite the officers who have little to do to work a degree occasionally for them. I realize that there are so many degree teams working that the officers of a Lodge sometimes have little chance to work themselves. However, it would be for the good of the Craft, through the strengthening of the bonds that unite us, if my suggestion were followed out. Incidentally, it might add interest to the first degree if some of our degree teams would work the first degree occasionally instead of the third. But in any case, let us try to remember that we are Brethren and that we who are strong should think up ways of strengthening the weak.

MEXICO (York G.L.), 1954

This is one of the smaller Grand Lodges but it is doing splendid work, financially sound and gaining in membership. This Grand Lodge has had an unfortunate experience with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and we sympathize with them in this disagreement and trust an amicable settlement will be the outcome in the near future.

NEBRASKA, 1954

Grand Master Smith had a most active year, travelled extensively and made a number of decisions, among them that the main floor of the Masonic Temple could not be used as a pool room and also emphasizing that one of their Landmarks was that of perfect youth—this latter in request to many queries for rulings for physical qualifications. Plans are well underway for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Nebraska. We wish them great success in this Celebration.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1954

"Fortitude is one of the cardinal virtues, one of the primary sources of strength needed by all men, and that is why consideration of it is included in one of the very first lectures

of Masonry. Every Mason must have it. All the way through life situations will arise wherein this basic quality of fortitude must be exercised. These situations will arise in your own intimate home, in your relations with your fellow men and in your duties as a part of the nation in which you live. There is no question that we need fortitude now more than before if we are ever to rise above the conditions which exist in our nation today.

Masonry offers no escape from the world. So long as we live, we are in it, a part of it, and should do what we can to make it a livable, kindly, generous, peaceful world in which all may participate with joy, security, contentment and interest. Masonry is not some secret way by which we avoid the responsibilities of living in a world made complex by the endless machinations of men. Masonry is a way of life; an understanding of the deep meanings of it through which we are enabled to taste to the fullest, the joys of true brotherhood, fellowship and the happiness of living, working and doing for each other. And that really takes fortitude.

As we are so well aware, the world at large is not organized on that basis. Jealousies, hatreds, ambitions, greeds, and spites encompass the earth. To people in the grip of such forces the tenets and teachings of Masonry mean nothing. They laugh and scorn at this Divinely inspired philosophy and hold it in contempt. Our adherence to such principles is reviled. Power—physical or psychological—is the god of such people. Thus when we speak of the gentle things, the kindly things, the patience and brotherly love of Masonry, we are apt to meet with laughter and ridicule. Especially is this true now in these days when force and power occupy the centre of the stage. Sometimes there seems little room left for the humble gentleness of our teachings.

We need not be deceived. What we have to offer is what the whole world needs and wants. In times of stress and trouble the quiet things we teach are brushed aside. Yet, always, the scarred and hungry heart of man comes back to them. There is no other comfort, no other relief. Therefore, now, as never before, must we exhibit our fortitude, that strength of conviction of truth and reality, that after all the turmoil and confusion is over, can and will do so much to heal the wounds and hurts of war and evils." *Grand Master*

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1954

Grand Master W. E. Dunlap has had many fraternal trips to other Grand Lodges, laid the corner stone of the new

Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church, attended the 100th Birthday party of their Bro. A. D. Nute who has been a member of the Craft for 79 years. This Grand Lodge has an active educational programme, is financially sound and had a gain of 231 members.

NEW JERSEY, 1954

" There is none among us whose ancestors did not originally come to these shores inspired by the opportunities and the freedoms to be obtained here. They pioneered, they fought, they made this Country a land of greater opportunity—of greater freedom—the greatest force for peace in the world today—the largest bulwark against the evil-doers among the nations of the world. It is our duty to pass it on to our posterity unimpaired.

Each and every Mason should help to his utmost. Some will say "what can one alone do?" Communism is based on the principle of cells—not alone prison cells, but cells starting with one member and spreading out, ever increasing, as the ripples from a pebble thrown in a still pond. There is none among us who cannot participate in some civic enterprise. There are those among us who have the opportunity to participate in many.

In too many countries Masonry is suppressed by the government; those who are Masons are forbidden to assemble in their little lodges above the village store or in their temples of stone, their finer halls. Let us not be guilty of suppressing Masonry ourselves by our failure to be of service to our fellowman—in Masonry and in every civic enterprise. Let us engage in every worthwhile civic undertaking, in our Church, our Hospital, our Red Cross, our Community Chest, our Government. Then as we walk down the street people will say, "There goes a Mason; there goes a man." *Grand Master*

NEW ZEALAND, 1953

Grand Master Thompson has made many visits in his year which he maintained were only possible by plane travel, as many were goodly distances away. This Grand Lodges is doing fine work through their Boy's Home and the Children's Home—the Kirkpatrick Masonic Institute at Nelson, and through their many scholarships to deserving youngsters.

In his Address M.W. Bro. Thompson remarked that it was not desirable for Lodges to become so large in membership as to imperil fraternal fellowship and friendship. Most favorable conditions was a Lodge from 140 to 150 members, where brethren would have more opportunity to go through the Chair, and take a more active part in the Lodge proceedings.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1954

This Grand Lodge had a gain of 254, bringing their membership to 14,138 distributed among 109 Lodges. M.W. Bro. Perry S. Cochran, Grand Master, has paid many fraternal visits, both in his own Jurisdiction and other Grand Lodges. This is the first Canadian Grand Lodge to have received a marked Masonic Stone from the White House, Washington, D.C. They have an active Board of Masonic Education which appears to be guiding the Lodges to more enlightenment in Freemasonry. Nova Scotia conferred the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master on M.W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, K.T., and also presented him with the Erasmus James Phillipps Medallion. They have given Masonic recognition this year to the United Grand Lodge of Germany and the new Grand Lodge of Israel.

OKLAHOMA, 1954

A most active Grand Lodge with an increase in membership of 2,377. Grand Master M. L. Coppock covered 50,000 miles in his year in office. We quote from his Address, the following: "My brethren, the magnificent Institution which we represent here tonight is one of the great bulwarks of our civilization; of this we must be forever mindful. Let us not be passively content with the reputation we now possess, but let us proclaim with ever increasing fervor and zeal, our adherence to those great principles and tenets upon which it is based. Our philosophy, while old, is ever new and has an invigorating message, not only for this age, but for all ages to come." The Grand Master called eight Emergent Communications during the year for various important reasons and presented or delegated the presentation of 70 Fifty-year emblems. The Constitution was changed to have the Lodge Secretaries submit monthly reports and we will be interested to see how this works out.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1953

"Brethren, we must never forget that the Lodge is never a *place*; it is always a group of men; it is never just a sacred building; it is always a believing assembly. Every Lodge is a group of dedicated men meeting together as men of like minds in a common purpose; to select men of good character and strive to make them better.

There is no reason for a Mason ever to go radically wrong. For the great light of Freemasonry is the Holy Bible, and it is the source of the greatest teachings man has ever received. A Mason has no excuse for not knowing what is right, what is just and what is fair, in all his actions and dealings in every relationship in life; for he is admonished to take the Great Light as the rule of his faith and the guide to his actions. Having done so, his belief in God blossoms into a faith, a trust and a hope in God, and God's purposes for the children of men. Once again we hear the ancient prophet, "And what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?" *Grand Master.*

PHILIPPINES, 1954

M.W. Bro. Baradi, has I'm sure been one of the outstanding Grand Masters in this Grand Lodge. He has travelled extensively, delivered many addresses and written a number of books and pamphlets. In answer to public attacks on Freemasonry by the Roman Catholics, a series of weekly programmes were broadcast in two languages, informing the public of the true meaning of Freemasonry. They have changed the name of their Grand Lodge, dropping the word "Island" in conformity with the official name of the Republic. Freemasonry has made great strides in the Phillipines and a substantial gain in membership has been recorded.

QUEBEC, 1954

"Every Grand Master has and will continue to make his judgments and decisions in the light of his own precious personality. Many Grand Masters have been outstanding because of special gifts and experience. I could never hope to achieve the stature of my predecessors or of those who will follow me. For more than a third of a century I have lived in an atmosphere that was not sympathetic to the tenets of our Craft. Here I served as a physician, speaking another language and acting in the role of father confessor and friend

to the entire parish. My training taught me to travel the second mile, not to expect too much from those amongst whom I dwelt, to suffer fools gladly, to remove fences and build bridges, to heap coals of fire on people's heads and to sympathize deeply with those in trouble. I have a natural affection for people, especially for those whose "hearts are bowed down with weight of woe." In a life so richly rewarding, so richly satisfying, my philosophy was steadied and summed up in one line, written by a great Jew from Tarsus, in a flaming letter to the Philippians—"I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." *Grand Master.*

RHODE ISLAND, 1954

Grand Master Craik's Address was most interesting and cautions over-zealous but well-meaning Brethren to curtail any actions which might bring discredit to the Craft. It is interesting to note that a team of Masons in the R.C.M.P. put on the Master Mason Degree before a group of some 6,500 Masons. We noted with interest that this Grand Lodge has jurisdiction over a lodge in Berlin, Germany—"Berlin Lodge No. 46" instituted in 1947 which has grown favorably but due to the political split of Germany they have dealt firmly in the matter of refusing inter-lodge visitations with the faction separating itself from the United Grand Lodge of Germany; to this end they have, through an unusual ceremony, appointed W. Bro. L. A. Kolste a Special District Deputy. This Grand Lodge has a very fine programme in connection with Youth Work and Guidance.

SCOTLAND, 1954

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has 343 Lodges in their Grand Lodge which are outside the boundaries of Scotland, one became dormant during the year in Palestine and one in Egypt, but others were instituted not only in Scotland but in South Africa, India and Rhodesia. Also the new District Grand Lodge of Pakistan was organized. We note restrictions have been lifted on the Scottish Lodge in Java which now enables them to accept petitions from those of Dutch nationality as well as British and American. At the Annual Joint Conference of British Grand Lodges, the subject of the letter sent to all Grand Lodges by the Grand Lodge of Greece was discussed, and a letter was sent to the Grand Lodge of Greece stating in effect that this letter mixing Masonry and Politics was most unfortunate and violated the boundaries of Masonic Jurisdiction.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1954

"This Grand Lodge has now been in existence for 70 years. We have an approximate membership of 24,000, and there are 186 Lodges. There are many whose recollections of Masonry in this State go back much farther than my own, although I find that I have completed well over one-half of the time necessary to qualify me as a fifty year veteran. But whether our membership of the Craft be short or long, we can all join in thanking T.G.A.O.T.U. for his continued blessing and protection, and offer our humble petition that He will not cease to look upon us with favour. It is written in the tenth verse of the seventh chapter of Ecclesiastes, 'Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou doest not enquire wisely concerning this.' The persistent impact of change upon our lives, and the state of tension in which we have to live today—and whether we like it or not—may seem at times intolerable. They are perhaps calculated to induce even in younger members of the community the wish that we could return to earlier years when, if all were not happy and rich, at least the community did not have to face a daily fear that some new and terrible invention might be discovered capable of wiping out civilisation, nor was it confronted with the possibility of changes in the structure of society that can be described only as revolutionary. To adopt that attitude would be a policy of despair. It will not profit us or our fellow men to live in the past, in the sense of trying to shut our eyes to what is going on around us. That however is not to deny the value of the past, or to refuse to recognise that it holds very valuable lessons for us, the study of which will assist us to solve the problems of the present. It is our duty as Freemasons to face the present and its problems and to meet them with the Grand Principles on which our Order is founded. This Grand Lodge is the custodian of those Principles in this Jurisdiction. The duty to protect them and to foster their application as far as lies within our power rests upon each member of the Craft. It may fairly be claimed that over the past 70 years this Grand Lodge has built up a tradition of which we may well be proud. Let us see to it that the future does not find us wanting in adherence to that tradition, or in meeting the challenge of changing conditions, even though they may seem to roll upon us like great breakers from the ocean." *Grand Master.*

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1954

Grand Master Munck in his Address stressed his four-point programme which is an excellent one. This Grand

Lodge has as usual had a fair gain in membership and a very fine working educational programme. They have contributed handsomely to the Hospital work of the M.S.A. A very healthy Grand Lodge in good financial position.

TENNESSEE, 1954

Grand Master Clyde H. Wilson has had a most active year. He presided at the 1953 Conference of Grand Masters and attended the 1954 Conference as well. The Third Annual Quarry meeting of Masters Lodge No. 244 was held August 22nd in a large marble quarry with 1,278 members present. This must be quite an outstanding event.

This Grand Lodge is most progressive and has instituted a number of new Lodges, has a gain of over 3,000 in membership and is financially very sound. An interesting account of the travels of M.W. Bro. W. P. Douglas is to be found as a forword to the Reviews and is well worth reading.

TEXAS, 1954

A strong Grand Lodge both financially and numerically with an increase in membership of 7,401. Grand Master John McKee had a busy year, travelling, delivering Addresses, laying corner stones, dedicating new Halls, Constituting three Lodges and Instituting four, one of which is located in Munich, Germany. M.W. Bro. McKee took disciplinary action against two Shrine Temples which closes down all existing Shrine Clubs. This action had the effect of bringing the Officers of the Shrine to the Grand Lodge Officers and after much discussion, serious promises on the part of the Shrine Officials to observe strict adherence of the laws of Freemasonry. We trust these promises may be kept and that all Shriners will remember they are Freemasons first.

This Grand Lodge is doing wonderful work in their Masonic Home and School and are to be highly commended.

WISCONSIN, 1954

Grand Master R. H. Gollmar has had a most active year, the 110th of the formation of this Grand Lodge. Many revisions were discussed to the code or Constitution of this Grand Lodge. The Grand Master was requested to make a number of rulings.

Their financial condition is most healthy and their Masonic Home most efficiently run. We note that it was recommended to consider for their own Grand Lodge, a plan of education along the lines of the Indiana Mentor Plan, a number of Grand Lodges including our own are actively interested in getting such a plan into effect.

We note that the construction of a new Temple has been authorized and the means of financing same to be the assessment of $1.00 per member for three years, this, with their large mempership should be a good nucleus to a new Temple Fund.

They have a very able Board of Masonic Welfare who might well be proud of their accomplishments and good works. We note this Grand Lodge has a time set aside for a meeting of the Secretaries, during their Communication. This is a fine idea, but in our own Grand Jurisdiction time does not allow for such a meeting and such a one is held at the beginning of the Masonic year. We must thank M.W. Bro. H. W. Dixon for his excellent foreword to the Reviews—there is much to mull over in his remarks.

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CEREMONY OF INSTITUTION OF WHEAT CITY LODGE UNDER DISPENSATION

At the City of Brandon in the Province of Manitoba and within the Masonic Temple, 302 Eighth Street, Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., met on Friday, October 7th, 1955, at 8.00 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of Instituting Wheat City Lodge.

Most Worshipful Brother R. E. Emmett, Grand Master, presided at this Ceremony, after announcing the purpose of the meeting, he then called upon the Grand Secretary to read the Dispensation authorizing the Institution of Wheat City Lodge.

The petitioners having expressed their desire to operate in the American Work, the Grand Master requested M.W. Bros. T. C. Jackson and Wm. Douglas and R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin to occupy the Stations of the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively, and proceed to open the Lodge in that Work.

The Lodge being opened in due Form, the Grand Master conducted the Ceremony of Institution, assisted by the following Grand Lodge Officers:

M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans	I.P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. David Rothstein	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh	Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson	Grand Secretary
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas	Grand Historian
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions	G.D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Jas. Wylie	Senior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker	Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. J. D. Bell	as Senior Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. W. Witherspoon	as Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. L. J. Turner	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. J. Fred	Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. J. W. Moffat	Grand Tyler

M.W. Bros. M. S. Donovan and G. A. McMorran, Past Grand Masters, were also present.

The Grand Secretary then announced the names of the brethren selected to govern the new Lodge, the Grand Master giving the Obligation to the Officers and the Charge to the Worshipful Master.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas delivered the Charge to the Wardens and M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans, the Charge to the brethren of the Lodge.

The M.W. Grand Master then invested each Officer with his Jewel of Office, as follows:

W. Bro. Malcolm Earl McKellar	Worshipful Master
R.W. Bro. John William Johnston	Im. Past Master
Bro. William McCrory	Senior Warden
Bro. Ernest Clifton Tatton	Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. William Albert Prugh	Treasurer
R.W. Bro. James Wallace Broatch	Secretary
M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans	Chaplain
Bro. Beverley James Wallace	Senior Deacon
Bro. Lorne Duncan McDonald	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. Ivan Stewart MacKay	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Richard Wesley Brooks	Senior Steward
Bro. John Henry Wilson	Junior Steward
Bro. Roland Ferguson Lumb	Organist
Bro. John Down	Tyler

After investment of its Officers, Grand Honors were given and the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Lodge instituted and its Officers invested, followed by the Benediction.

The M.W. Grand Master, in conveying his congratulations to the brethren, drew attention to the fact that it was some 32 years since a Lodge had been Instituted to operate in the American Work and possibly it should be recorded as an Historical event in this Grand Jurisdiction. He further stated that he wished to convey the greetings and best wishes for their future success, from the Masons in Manitoba who were not able to be present, and concluded by expressing the hope that the members would join the other three Lodges in working for the good of the Community and Freemasonry in particular.

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas in wishing the members of the new Lodge well, told them this was an Historical evening and recommended that they commence to record their history now, and gave them some advice with regard to the events in the life of a Lodge which should be recorded.

Wheat City Lodge U.D. then conducted its first meeting, being closed in harmony in due form at 10.15 p.m.

Thos. Jackson

Grand Secretary.

CEREMONY OF INSTITUTION OF THREE PILLARS LODGE, UNDER DISPENSATION

At the Municipality of St. Vital in Greater Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, and within the Windsor Masonic Temple, St. Mary's Road, the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., met on Tuesday, April 17th, 1956 at 8.00 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of Instituting a new lodge to be known as THREE PILLARS LODGE. M.W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett, Grand Master presided at this special ceremony and was assisted by the following Grand Lodge Officers:

M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray.....as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein.....Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh.....Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat.....Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson.....Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe.....Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions.....Grand Director of Ceremonies
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly.....Grand Librarian
V.W. Bro. J. Wylie.....Senior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker.....Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. W. M. Summers.....Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. A. Kelly.....Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. L. J. Turner.....Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. J. Fred.....Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. T. Wilson.....as Grand Tyler

There were also present:

M.W. Bro. S. Burland, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb, D.D.G.M., First Masonic District
R.W. Bro. R. A. McKenzie, D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. A. H. W. Cook, D.D.G.M., Twelfth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. F. C. Davey, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald, P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff, P.D.D.G.M.

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother R. E. Emmett in announcing to the brethren assembled, the purpose of the meeting, spoke briefly with regard to the historic event about to take place, and then called on the Grand Secretary to read the Dispensation of authority, after which the lodge was opened severally in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees.

He then requested the Grand Secretary to read the names of the brethren who had been selected to govern Three Pillars Lodge, Under Dispensation, as follows:

W. Bro. N. J. Haywood	Worshipful Master
W. Bro. E. F. Simms	Im. Past Master
Bro. S. R. Sessions	Senior Warden
Bro. T. H. R. Gorick	Junior Warden
W. Bro. J. Burns	Treasurer
Bro. C. Carson	Secretary
W. Bro. A. L. Murray	Chaplain
Bro. P. W. Hunter	Senior Deacon
Bro. W. A. Shute	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. H. J. Good	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. R. W. Alcock	Senior Steward
Bro. A. K. Piercy	Junior Steward
W. Bro. H. Pilling	Organist
Bro. W. Jardine	Inner Guard
Bro. L. Goodman	Tyler

The brethren took their places before the Altar and were Obligated by M.W. Bro. Emmett, Grand Master, who also invested them with the Jewel of their respective Offices, finally being conducted to their stations in the Lodge by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions.

The Charges to the Master, Wardens and the brethren of the Lodge were delivered by the M.W. Grand Master.

Grand Honors were then given and the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Lodge Instituted and its Officers invested, after which the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe gave the Benediction.

The Grand Master then presented the Master with the Dispensation, the gavel of authority and requested that he proceed with the meeting.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Haywood expressed his appreciation to the Grand Master for performing the Ceremony of Institution in such an impressive manner and at the same time stated that he wished to express his thanks to all those who had, over a long period, devoted much time and effort, with the sole thought of furthering the principles of Freemasonry by bringing about the Institution of Three Pillars Lodge.

In order that the brethren be familiar with the duties of a new lodge, he then requested the Grand Secretary to read the Instructions for lodges Under Dispensation.

At this point, the Master of Norwood Lodge No. 119, W.Bro. W. D. Jervis, on behalf of his Officers and members, presented Three Pillars Lodge with a Worshipful Master's collar and jewel and was suitably thanked by W.Bro. Haywood.

Under the heading of communications the Secretary read a telegram from Fort Prince of Wales Lodge No. 161 conveying their congratulations on Institution and their best wishes for a successful future.

After a Motion being duly submitted, seconded and carried, to complete the blank spaces in the By-laws for Lodges Under Dispensation, the Master invited the Grand Master to address the brethren.

M.W. Brother Emmett then gave his Address which was titled "Three Pillars" and proceeded to express his views with respect to the significance of the name chosen for the Lodge, and impressed upon the members the importance of appointing a Lodge Historian now, to record the event of Institution and all information as to why the name Three Pillars was chosen, because if left to a later date, details can be forgotten.

The Worshipful Master and Officers of Three Pillars Lodge then closed its first meeting in harmony, severally in the Master Mason, Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice Degrees, at 10.20 p.m.

Thos. Jackson

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

1956

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

In the City of Winnipeg, in the Fort Garry Hotel the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons met in the Eighty-first Annual Communication.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of June 6th by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. Emmett; the Invocation being given by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Charles R. Newcombe.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Robt. E. Emmett (121), St. James.....Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24), Neepawa.....Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. David Rothstein (141), Winnipeg.....Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113), Brandon.....Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), Winnipeg.....Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson (3), Winnipeg.....Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51), Winnipeg.....Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Winnipeg.....Grand Historian
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), Winnipeg.....G.D. of Ceremonies
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), St. Vital.....Grand Librarian
V.W. Bro. Jas. Wylie (121), St. James.....Senior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker (4), Winnipeg.....Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. W. M. Summers (119), Norwood.....Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. A. Kelly (70), Roland.....Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. L. J. Turner (93), Winnipeg.....Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Jack Fred (143), Winnipeg.....Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. J. W. Moffat (86), Elgin.....Grand Tyler
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R.W. Bro. G. S. Fulford (150), Mather, D.D.G.M. 4th Masonic District
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R.W. Bro. R. A. McKenzie (70), Roland, D.D.G.M. 8th Masonic District
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M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)
M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7)
M.W. Bro. S. Burland (12)
M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (21)
M.W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing (51)
M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)
M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90)
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)
M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113)
M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans (113)
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W.M.—R. D. Ross; S.W.—C. M. Sinclair; R.W. Bros. A. E. Longstaffe, R. W. Ross; V.W. Bro. S. R. Bird; W. Bros. J. Brady, A. C. Keel, F. Redgwell.

FOXWARREN LODGE No. 152

W.M.—T. McPherson; S. W.—R. Hadland; J. W.—G. R. Graham.

FLIN FLON LODGE No. 153

W.M.—W. J. A. Hall; S.W.—C. C. Merrell.

PINE FALLS LODGE No. 154

W.Bro. G. A. Stewart.

CARMAN LODGE No. 155

W.M.—G. G. Graham; S.W.—C. Fox; J.W.—D. Parker; R.W. Bro. J. Millroy; W. Bros. R. M. Allen, A. E. Shewfelt.

MANITOUWAPA LODGE No. 156

R.W. Bro. D. Ferguson; W.Bros. D. McFadyen, A. J. Walkin.

RICE LAKE LODGE No. 157

W.M.—F. R. DuVal; R.W. Bro. G. H. Lucas.

FENWICK LODGE No. 158

W.M.—W. G. Fraser; S.W.—C. G. Rankmore; J.W.—J. S. Fraser; W.Bro. R. A. Carruthers.

NEWDALE LODGE No. 159

S.W.—W. A. Clark; R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton; W. Bro. J. O. Young.

STARBUCK LODGE NO. 160

J.W.—N. Simonsen; R.W. Bro. M. Mills.

FORT PRINCE OF WALES LODGE No. 161

J.W.—J. F. Steele.

ASHLAR LODGE No. 162

W.M.—G. R. Dowse; S.W.—G. B. Kirk; J.W.—G. E. Winter; W. Bros. A. E. Dagg, C. E. Hooper; H. Mackinnon, L. E. Ostrander.

CHARLESWOOD LODGE No. 163

W.M.—J. S. Redfern; W. Bro. W. J. Eyers.

HARRY WOODS LODGE No. 164

J.W.—H. O. Hallson; W.Bros. H. V. Olson, G. Paulson.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE No. 165

W.M.—D. G. Pearson; J.W.—H. B. Lennox; R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald; W. Bros. E. J. Heaney, G. W. Rattray.

WOODWORTH LODGE No. 166

W.M.—J. D. Sills; S.W.—W. Wright; J.W.—G. Perrin.

MENORAH LODGE No. 167

W.M.—J. M. Knelman; S.W.—M. J. Oretski; W. Bros. H. Bookhalter, H. H. Guttman.

HONORARY MEMBERS

M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, P.G.M., Alta.
M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Hon. P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Sask.
M.W. Bro. L. H. Colson, P.G.M., Minn.
M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton, P.G.M., Minn.
M.W. Bro. G. W. Christie, P.G.M., Minn.
R.W. Bro. C. M. Norton, Director of Masonic Service, Minn.
M.W. Bro. C. M. Pollock, P.G.M., N. Dak.
M.W. Bro. H. S. Pond, P.G.M., Grand Secty. N. Dak.
M.W. Bro. G. C. Hulett, P.G.M., N. Dak.
M.W. Bro. E. J. Franta, P.G.M., N. Dak.

GUESTS

M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, P.G.M., Alta.
R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secty. Alta.
M.W. Bro. J. H. Cuddington, Grand Master, Sask.
M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, P.G.M., Sask.
M.W. Bro. Hugh Reid, P.G.M., Virginia
M.W. Bro. O. L. Danek, Grand Master, Minn.
M.W. Bro. W. L. Hillyer, I.P.G.M., Minn.
M.W. Bro. R. E. Cummins, P.G.M., Minn.
R.W. Bro. G. R. Wilson, D.G.M., Minn.
R.W. Bro. D. E. Palmer, Grand Secty. Minn.
M.W. Bro. Merle Kidder, Grand Master, N. Dak.
R.W. Bro. J. C. McCormick, D.G.M., N. Dak.

VISITORS

R.W. Bro. E. A. Harper, Alta.
R.W. Bro. A. M. Brownstone, Sask.
V.W. Bro. G. L. Paxman, N. Dak.
W. Bro. Hans Fricke, N. Dak.
Bro. M. H. Laing, Ont.
Bro. C. R. Sibbald, B.C.
Bro. C. Thorsteinson, N. Dak.

The Master Masons who desired to be in attendance were then admitted and assigned to special seating accommodation provided for them.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, welcomed the brethren to the meeting, expressing the hope that all present would derive pleasure and profit from the Communication.

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141) and carried, that the Regulations and Agenda for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge as printed, be adopted, subject to the wishes of the M.W. the Grand Master.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, requested the brethren leaving or entering the Grand Lodge Room to do so only between items of business and that, after they enter or before they leave, the proper sign be given at the Altar. He also reminded the brethren all Motions were to be written out and handed to the Grand Secretary before the Motion could be discussed. This complied with Section 24 of our Constitution, and that forms required for the preparation of Motions could be secured from the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.

READING OF MINUTES

It moved by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor (11) and carried, that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge as printed in the Proceedings, be taken as if read, and confirmed.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3) reported the following nominations had been received for the Offices of Grand Lodge and for the Board of General Purposes.

He moved the Report be received, seconded by R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein (141). Carried.

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Neepawa Lodge No. 24

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, Tuscan Lodge No. 141

Senior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Wm. Albert Prugh, Tweed Lodge No. 113

Junior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Wesley D. G. Runions, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130

Grand Treasurer:
R.W. Bro. John Paterson Mowat, Beaver Lodge No. 139

Grand Secretary:
M.W. Bro. Thomas C. Jackson, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3

Grand Chaplain:
R.W. Bro. Charles Robt. Newcombe, Treherne Lodge No. 51

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker, St. John's Lodge No. 4

Grand Librarian:
M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, Windsor Lodge No. 138

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

W. Bro. C. J. Scott, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3
W. Bro. Chas. S. Landon, St. John's Lodge No. 4
R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, King Solomon Lodge No. 8
R.W. Bro. R. W. Campbell, Northern Light Lodge No. 10
W. Bro. C. B. Howden, Northern Light Lodge No. 10
R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor, Gladstone Lodge No. 11
W. Bro. F. S. Westwood, Morden Lodge No. 13
W. Bro. W. W. Downie, Brandon Lodge No. 19
R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb, Ionic Lodge No. 25
R.W. Bro. M. E. MacKinnon, Temple Lodge No. 49
R.W. Bro. E. B. Litz, Rathwell Lodge No. 87
R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson, Strathclair Lodge No. 106
R.W. Bro. H. M. Mayhew, Strathclair Lodge No. 106
R.W. Bro. H. S. Perdue, Tweed Lodge No. 113

W. Bro. R. G. Turnbull, St. James Lodge No. 121
W. Bro. A. D. Adamson, Empire Lodge No. 127
R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130
R.W. Bro. Thos. Wilson, Capitol Lodge No. 136
R.W. Bro. E. M. Finkleman, Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143
R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton, Newdale Lodge No. 159
W. Bro. A. E. Dagg, Ashlar Lodge No. 162
W. Bro. H. Bookhalter, Menorah Lodge No. 167

APPEALS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Grand Secretary announced he had not received any appeals. Letters expressing best wishes for a most successful and harmonious Communication were received from the Grand Masters of the following Grand Jurisdictions:British Columbia; Canada (in the Province of Ontario); New Brunswick; Nova Scotia; Prince Edward Island; Quebec; Illinois; South Dakota; Wisconsin and Washington.

Also from the following brethren:

M.W. Bro. Hon. W. J. Dunlop, Ontario; M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, Alberta; M.W. Bro. E. W. Johnson, Minnesota; M.W. Bro. W. P. Sturtz, Minnesota; M.W. Bro. R. W. Stanford, Minnesota; M.W. Bro. C. L. Jacobson, Minnesota; M.W. Bro. M. J. Brown, Minnesota; M.W. Bro. H. W. Gill, California; M.W. Bro. J. A. Storman, Florida, and from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following report was presented by R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24), President of the Board who moved its adoption, seconded by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7) and carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

On behalf of the members of the Board of General Purposes, I beg to submit a summary of the business of the Board, as transacted during the Masonic year 1955-56.

MEETING OF JUNE 2, 1955

There were 28 members present. This meeting was held immediately after the close of Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge room, at the Royal Alexandra Hotel. By virtue of Office, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, became the President of the Board and R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, Senior Grand Warden, Vice-President. The Committee to

strike Standing Committees for the year was named as follows, the first named as Chairman: M.W. Bros. F. H. Blythe, W. C. McDonald, H. H. Gray, Wm. Douglas, S. H. Fahrni.

MEETING OF JUNE 17, 1955

There were 17 members present. Before proceeding with the regular order of business, the President welcomed the new members and asked each one present to rise and state his name and lodge, and place of residence. The report of the Committee to strike Standing Committees was submitted and adopted. A resolution from Empire Lodge No. 127 re a Home for Elderly Masons was laid over for the September meeting. The Delegates chosen to attend the Banff Conference were, the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Senior Grand Warden. The Senior Grand Warden was included due to the fact that he had been assigned to lead the discussion on a paper. The Grand Secretary was authorized to write the Conference Secretary, M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis, that in future, conference papers were not to be assigned to individual members of this Grand Lodge. The usual motion authorizing Signing Officers for Grand Lodge was completed in form.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1955

There were 27 members present. Members who were not present at the previous meeting were introduced and welcomed. The Empire Lodge Resolution re a Home for Elderly Masons was presented and discussed and a Committee was appointed to report at a future meeting. It was thought that this very important matter should be thoroughly investigated by a Committee before any action could be suggested. Corinthian Lodge No. 15, at Rapid City asked permission to purchase land, and erect a suitable Masonic Temple. It was stated that the requirements for such procedure as laid down in the Constitution must be completed. A Masonic Jewel and Ring from the estate of a deceased Brother was left in the care of the Grand Secretary for disposition. The Committee on Research and Education reported progress on the educational programme and that fifteen Book Kits had been distributed to lodges requesting same in the Jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, reported that most District Deputies had held organizational meetings and there was satisfactory progress in all Districts. The programmes for District meetings were being completed. The question of a suggested Memorial Service was raised by the Committee and was referred to the Custodians of The Work. An increase of $150.00 in expenses was granted to the Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers to meet necessary expenses for various Grand Lodge and Lodge Anniversaries. The Grand Secretary was authorized to take care of all interim arrangements for the All-Canada Conference of Grand Lodges to be held in Winnipeg in February 1957.

Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156 having fulfilled the Constitutional requirements was granted permission to meet in their new Masonic Hall. A petition was presented requesting the formation of a new Lodge at Brandon, to be known as Wheat City Lodge.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett reported on the Centennial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario). The Grand Secretary presented the report of the Banff Conference stating the paper given by our Grand Master M.W. Bro. Emmett was well received as was also the discussion of a paper led by our Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein. Our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Emmett, was elected President of the Conference for 1956. Grand Lodge and Board of General Purpose Nominations. A member of the Board

suggested that it would be in the best interests of Grand Lodge if nominations for all elected Officers and for the Board of General Purposes were made early enough in the calendar year that all lodges could be circularized as to who was nominated and the Office; also, that lodges should be advised of any vacancies occurring in the Offices of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master was asked to appoint a Committee to look into the advisability of augmenting the Benevolent Endowment Fund which had been suggested at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. The Committee to report at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 1955

There were 37 members present. Two valued members were welcomed back after an extended absence, R.W. Bro. A. E. Boyle, because of illness and the President expressed, on behalf of the Board, best wishes for a continued improvement in health and well being and R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter, who was congratulated on having completed a world tour and back home in good health. A contribution of $25.00 was made to the Commission on Information for Recognition appointed by the Grand Masters of Masons' Conference in North America. Approval was given to Corinthian Lodge No. 15 at Rapid City to proceed in procuring land and erecting a Masonic Hall. An invitation from the Secretary of the School Board of Portage la Prairie inviting the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to lay the Cornerstone of the new Collegiate in that city was received. The invitation was accepted and the Grand Secretary authorized to take care of future arrangements under the care and wishes of the Grand Master. Approval was given for the reprinting of the Grand Lodge book of Ceremonials. A committee was appointed to report at a subsequent meeting on rank and identification of members of the Board of General Purposes.

MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 1956

There were 38 members present. There was considerable discussion as to the advisability of holding District Meetings during the time of the intermissions or between adjournments at the Communication of Grand Lodge. The problem was referred to the Committee on Programme for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge for study and report back to the Board. Delegates to the Banff Conference were named—the incoming Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and that expenses be also provided for M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett the 1956 President of the Conference and M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans who had accepted the assignment to be guest speaker at the Opening Session. Approval was given to the Custodians of the Work to print a Ceremonial for the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers. A lodge requested permission to have the word "Visitor" embroidered on Master Mason Aprons for the use of visitors to the lodge. Permission was refused as this was contrary to the Constitution. The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Revision gave a resume of several anticipated changes to clarify the meaning of certain sections of the Constitution.

MEETING OF MARCH 16, 1956

There were 33 members present. The special Committee appointed to bring in a recommendation as to the identification of members of the Board of General Purposes reported that it was the opinion of the Committee that "A member of the Board not having higher rank than that of 'R.W. Brother' should be permitted to sign on lodge registers and use the letters 'B.G.P.' and also to wear a jewel of a miniature replica of the Seal of Grand Lodge, in gold color with a garter blue ribbon in accordance with the sketch submitted." The recommendation was adopted. It was

agreed that the same Committee should consider the recognition of former members of the Board and the Committee was requested to further consider this and report at a subsequent meeting.

District meetings at the Grand Lodge Communication were again discussed, and finally it was decided to bring the whole issue before the regular District meetings in each District, in 1956. Referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry to report at the next meeting of the Board, was a request from a lodge to be transferred from one District to another. A lodge requested approval for a Bursary which the lodge proposed to offer to the University of Manitoba and requested permission to call it "—— Lodge Bursary." Granted. Complying with the various sections of the Constitution, permission was granted to a lodge to sell property owned by the lodge.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was preferred and a Commission duly set up to assess all matters pertaining to the situation. A petition was received to form a new lodge in St. Vital to be called Three Pillars Lodge. Approval was given by the Board, requesting the Grand Master to grant the request. The Chairman of the Committee on Research and Education reported that Area Meetings had been arranged to be held at Minnedosa and Roland and the programmes included discussions on Why I Like the Entered Apprentice Degree; Why I Like the Fellow Craft Degree; Why I Like the Master Mason Degree; each topic by a different member at each meeting; a Lodge of Instruction; Question Period; and an Address by the M.W. Grand Master.

Work on the new booklet, "The Mentor's Manual," is progressing favorably. Special Binders have been sent to all Secretaries in which to file and keep all directives issued by order of Grand Lodge for the guidance of lodges. A decided interest has been shown in the requests for Book Kits, and in the booklet, "101 Questions About Freemasonry."

The Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry reported that all but three of the District Deputies had completed Official visitations, these last, soon to be completed. The non-attendance of the three principal officers of lodges at the Communications of Grand Lodge is noted and deplored. The increasing growth of the larger lodges is commented upon as perhaps requiring consideration. A noticeable trend exists towards construction of new premises or renovation of existing Halls which is to be commended. It was stressed that greater care should be exercised by the lodges in the selection of Junior Officers as some lodges follow this selection through to the office of Master. Interest is shown in Study Clubs, dramatic clubs, special speakers and lodge visitations, all of which shows a livened interest in things Masonic. The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Reviews stressed the points that a number of Grand Lodges were intensifying the work of Committees, to create more interest in Masonic Education among the membership. Opinions seemed to be on the increase that Committees on Investigation of Petitioners are not careful enough or thorough enough in either investigation or report. It would look as though many jurisdictions are going to make regulations more strict. The Chairman of the Committee on Finance stated that there could be a more clear definition of the duties of that Committee. He suggested certain changes to the Constitution, which will be incorporated in the suggested changes to be considered at the Communication of Grand Lodge in June. The Masonic Disaster Relief Fund and the Brotherhood Disaster Fund have bought Ontario Hydro Electric Bonds in the amount of $1,000.00 each, bearing interest at 4%.

The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Revision explained about several contemplated changes in the Constitution to clarify

the meaning in the purpose of several sections. All would be submitted in proper form prior to the assigned time as stated in the Constitution. No definite date was yet available for the laying of the Cornerstone of the new Collegiate at Portage la Prairie; there might also be the laying of the Cornerstone of the new Hospital in the same city. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Emmett hoped that as many as could be present, would be, at the Annual Church Service. A member of a lodge brought forward the matter of increased taxes on lodge property. It would appear that under the new equalized assessment, the realty tax is going to create a serious problem. Two new members of the Board offered to assist in looking into the legal aspects of the case.

MEETING OF MAY 4, 1956

There were 38 members present. In expressing regrets for absence on behalf of R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy, R.W. Bro. Prugh reported he was a patient in General Hospital and his condition was reported to be very serious. The Committee on Benevolence reporting on the suggestion of Empire Lodge No. 127 for a permanent home in Manitoba for Indigent Masons suggested that it is our duty to care for our aged and indigent Masons, many and various methods have been tried and proven satisfactory; two plans that have particular merit are (1) Maintenance in a central institution, (2) Maintenance in individual homes. A very interesting discussion followed the submission of this report. It was stated that we are at present making substantial grants to provide for the care of those of our membership requiring assistance, but it was apparent that for the present our financial situation is such that we have not the funds available for the purpose of providing a home for aged and indigent Masons in Manitoba. Augmentation of the Benevolent Endowment Fund: At present the expenditures for our Benevolent Fund exceed our receipts by approximately $2,000.00 per annum. It is recommended that a jurisdictional appeal be made to raise the Benevolent Endowment Fund to $500,000.00 and that an appeal be made now for donations to this objective.

Woodworth Lodge No. 166, situated at Kenton, made a request for change of District. R.W. Bro. Prugh, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, reported that after his Committee had made a thorough canvass of the situation it would be in the best interests of the Craft to suggest to Grand Lodge by Motion, that Woodworth Lodge be allocated to the membership of the Fifth Masonic District. Owing to the fact that additional rooms were found necessary in the new Collegiate under construction at Portage la Prairie, the laying of the Cornerstone would have to be postponed until later on in the summer. Reports of the Committees to be made at the May meeting were so made and in the regular way on Motion, referred to Grand Lodge. Several amendments to the Constitution were submitted and in the regular way received and referred to Grand Lodge. Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148 requested permission to sell their Lodge building and property. The Grand Secretary was authorized to inform this lodge as to the necessary steps they must follow. The Grand Secretary was authorized to make the necessary usual arrangements for the complimentary banquet for the delegates to the All-Canada Conference to be held in Winnipeg in February 1957. The Board authorized the donation of $50.00 to the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau in appreciation of services rendered to our Committee on Benevolence. The Committee on Investments reported having re-invested $4,000 Dominion of Canada Bonds which were maturing June 1st, 1956, and $1,000.00 from donations to the Benevolent Endowment Fund. Announcement was made of the Church Service of the Second Masonic District on May 27th, 1956.

MEETING OF JUNE 6, 1956

There were 39 members and 14 visitors present. The condition of R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy was still serious and no visitors were allowed. On approval of the Board it was authorized that the report of the special committee appointed to consider augmentation of the Benevolent Endowment Fund be submitted to Grand Lodge. The proposed Budget for 1956-57 was submitted by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and this was ordered referred to Grand Lodge for ratification. A request for the granting of a Charter was received from Wheat City Lodge U.D. The Grand Secretary reported the Constitutional requirements had been met and a motion was carried that the Board recommend to Grand Lodge that a Charter be granted. Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105 had submitted a letter requesting approval that they be allowed to become incorporated. This request was approved after the Grand Secretary reported the requirements of the Constitution had been fulfilled. The matter of limited hotel accommodation for our Annual Communication was mentioned and it was suggested this could be greatly improved if Grand Lodge was held on Monday and Tuesday instead of Wednesday and Thursday as at present. It was realized such a change would necessitate an amendment to the Constitution and it was ordered to refer this matter to the Committee on Constitution and Revision and the Programme Committee for investigation and study. A report to be submitted to the September meeting of the Board. The report of the President of the Board was submitted to this meeting and received with applause. A member of the Board said a review of proceedings of other Grand Lodges indicated a necessity that Public Liability and non-owned Automobile Insurance be made available, possibly under a joint Grand Lodge-Constituent Lodge Blanket Policy. It was mentioned that Grand Lodge now had certain coverage along this line but that it may be advisable to investigate this further. A motion to refer this to the new Board was approved.

Every meeting of the Board was opened with prayer. The President of the Board was in attendance at every meeting.

R.W. BRO. DANIEL HAWE

At this point the M.W. Grand Master requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R. W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) to present at the Altar, R.W. Bro. Daniel Hawe of Victory Lodge No. 128. The Grand Master stated he was very pleased to especially welcome R.W. Bro. Hawe to this Communication because he had recently celebrated his 95th birthday and coming the distance he had travelled from Benito to attend this meeting should be an inspiration to all the brethren present. This presentation was received with applause.

PETITIONS

PETITION FROM WHEAT CITY LODGE U.D. FOR A CHARTER

This petition was read by the Grand Secretary and the following Resolution was moved by M.W. Bro. M. S. Dono-

van (113) seconded by R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24) and carried, that:

WHEREAS Wheat City Lodge having been granted a Dispensation by the M.W. Grand Master on October 7th, 1955, and Instituted by M.W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett Grand Master on Friday the 7th day of October 1955,at Brandon, Manitoba.

AND WHEREAS since that date has carried on as a Lodge of Freemasons successfully in accordance with and in harmony with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, as the report of the Grand Master to the Board of General Purposes would testify,

AND WHEREAS the said Lodge, having petitioned the Grand Lodge to grant them a Charter, which Petition, with the approval of the Grand Master is now favorably recommended by the Board of General Purposes,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that this Grand Lodge of Manitoba, grant the prayer of the Petition and that the said Lodge, situate in the City of Brandon, Manitoba, be placed on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, denominated WHEAT CITY LODGE and numbered '168'."

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I respectfully present the Eighty-first Annual Report of the Grand Secretary, for the year ended March 31st, 1956.

Copies of Proceedings of the Eightieth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held on June 1st and 2nd, 1955 were prepared and mailed to each of the Constituent Lodges, the Officers of Grand Lodge, the Members of the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Lodges, and their Representatives, with whom we are in Fraternal Relationship. Six hundred copies were again printed and appear to be sufficient for requirements.

Certificates of Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Masters and Master Masons have been prepared and presented to those entitled to them, or forwarded to the Secretaries of the lodges concerned.

In accordance with previous custom, Warning Circulars were prepared and mailed to constituent lodges and other Bodies of Freemasonry under numbers 80A and 80B.

The following statements are included with those attached to the Report of the Grand Treasurer and are not duplicated in this report:

1. General Fund, Monies received and disbursed during the year, Exhibit "B."
2. General Fund, Statement of indebtedness of Lodges to Grand Lodge, Schedule "1."
3. Benevolent Fund, Statement of Income and Expenditure, Exhibit "D."
4. Beneficiary Fund, Statement of Income and Expenditure, Exhibit "F."

A summary of the membership by lodges as compiled from the returns submitted on Form 42 is attached and will be included with statistics in the Proceedings; this shows a gross gain of 834 and a net gain of 286, compared with a gross gain of 931 and a net gain of 371 in 1954.

Details in comparison with the previous four years follow:

Membership as at December 31st, 1954					15,547
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Additions:					
Initiations	729	720	691	703	638
Re-instatements	45	48	50	35	32
Affiliations	135	164	146	147	124
Charter Members, U.D.	.....	107	33	43	39
	909	1039	920	928	833
Adjustments: Add	.....	2	.....	3	1
	909	1041	920	931	834
Removals:					
By Demit	222	188	213	190	178
Suspension N.P.D.	112	95	108	102	89
Suspension U.M.C.	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Death	210	259	301	267	280
	545	542	622	560	547
Adjustments: Add	18	.....	6	.....	1
	563	542	628	560	548
Net Increase	346	499	292	371	286
Membership as at December 31st, 1955					15,833

The following table shows the Degrees conferred in the various Lodges for the past five years:

Entered Apprentice	729	720	691	703	638
Fellow Craft	704	724	673	688	678
Master Mason	750	732	697	678	657
	2183	2176	2061	2069	1973

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

71 Lodges have no suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues (63 in 1954).

45 Lodges have 89 suspensions for Non-payment of Dues (52 Lodges showed 102 members in 1954).

SUSPENSION U.M.C.

There were no suspensions for Unmasonic Conduct in 1955 (one in 1954).

MEMBERSHIP

73 Lodges show an increase in membership, compared to 66 in 1954.
36 Lodges show a decrease in membership, compared to 34 in 1954.
7 Lodges show a membership unchanged, compared to 15 in 1954.
21 Lodges had no Initiations, compared to 14 in 1954.
15 Lodges conferred no Degrees at all, compared to 10 in 1954.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED—April 1st, 1955, to March 31st, 1956

	1954-55	1955-56
To hold joint installation of Officers	13	13
To attend Divine Service in Regalia	56	52
To change Lodge premises	9	5
To change place of meeting	2	7
Special Election-Installation of Officers	6	19
To confer Degrees after receiving Waivers	9	2
To hold District Meetings	11	11
To confer Degrees within specified time	3	1
Waiving residence qualifications	0	1
Special Emergent Meetings	2	1
To heal infraction of Constitution	0	2
To change date of regular meeting	8	6
To change hour of regular meeting	2	1
To receive nomination for D.D.G.M.	1	1
To heal breach of By-laws	0	1
To waive Jurisdiction over petitioner	0	1
To extend time of Dispensation for Lodge under Dispensation	1	0
	123	124

AMENDMENTS TO LODGE BY-LAWS

Regular Meetings	Lodges 51, 77, 82, 101, 103, 107, 115, 116, 124, 128, 160, 165
Committees	Lodges 127, 145, 148, 165
Life Memberships	Lodges 68, 118, 128, 130, 167
Election of Officers	Lodges 139, 165
Funds of the Lodge	Lodges 127
Fees	Lodges 111, 165
Dues	Lodges 21, 71, 115, 128, 134, 138, 165
Business Routine	Lodges 14, 84, 152, 159, 165
Complete Revision	Lodges 67, 106, 164

MEMBERS EXPELLED, SUSPENDED OR RESTORED

In accordance with the requirements of Section 81 (k) of the Constitution, I am required to attach a list of those members who have been suspended, expelled or restored during the year. However, on referring to prior years, this does not appear to have been attached to the Grand

Secretary's Report since 1920, and so far, I have been unable to find any explanation, although the information has been supplied to the constituent lodges and other bodies by means of the Warning Circular previously referred to.

To comply with the Constitution, I am therefore attaching a list of those members who have been suspended or restored during the year. There were none expelled.

This information will be included in the statistical section of the Proceedings.

One year ago I made reference to the fact that our 115 Lodges had dues in arrears to the amount of $18,658.43 and recommended that they take immediate action in order to forestall a possible increase in suspensions. While there has been a slight decrease in suspensions during 1955 the gross total for dues in arrears at December 31st, 1955, has increased to $20,972.50, under present conditions this situation is hard to understand and I am again suggesting that lodges take some DEFINITE action to impress on their members that, in accordance with Section 227 of the Constitution, dues are payable in advance on the first day of January in each year—a little more co-operation by the members in the matter of payment of dues will tend to make the lot of the Lodge Secretary much more pleasant.

Further details of the lodges may be gathered from the Statistical Table which appears elsewhere in the Proceedings.

LODGES INSTITUTED

A Dispensation was issued by the Grand Master on October 7th, 1955, for the formation of a new Lodge in the City of Brandon, to be known as Wheat City Lodge, and again on April 17th, 1956, for the formation of a new Lodge in the Municipality of St. Vital to be known as Three Pillars Lodge, both Lodges being Instituted by the Grand Master in most impressive ceremonies.

There were no Charters issued, surrendered or arrested during the year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On the recommendations of Grand Masters of Grand Lodges concerned, Commissions have been issued, appointing the following brethren, Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near their own Grand Lodges:

Bro. C. F. Dorough, Grand Lodge of Arkansas, Commission dated 12th Aug., 1955.

Bro. Humbert Rees, Grand Lodge of Colorado, Commission dated 12th Oct., 1955.

Bro. Norman F. Six, Grand Lodge of Florida, Commission dated 20th June, 1955.

Bro. L. W. Griffis, Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Commission dated 8th Aug., 1955.

Bro. Christian Brun, Grand Lodge of Norway, Commission dated 21st Mar., 1956.

Bro. W. P. Walker, Grand Lodge of Queensland, Commission dated 28th Dec., 1955.

Bro. C. C. Dunaway, Grand Lodge of West Virginia, Commission dated 12th Nov., 1955.

The M.W. Grand Master recommended the following to be Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and Commissions from the Grand Lodges named have been received for the following:

R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate, Grand Lodge of New York, Commission dated 26th Mar., 1956.

R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton, Grand Lodge of Oregon, Commission dated 2nd Mar., 1956.

R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann, Grand Lodge of South Dakota, Commission dated 27th Feb., 1956.

Commissions have not yet been received for the following appointees:

W. Bro. H. Bookhalter, Grand Lodge of Chile.

R.W. Bro. C. R. Beswatherick, Grand Lodge of Colombia.

R.W. Bro. John Norquay, Grand Lodge of France.

V.W. Bro. E. S. Reeves, Grand Lodge of Paraiba (Brazil).

W. Bro. Robert Collier, Grand Lodge of Queensland.

R.W. Bro. E. M. Finkleman, Grand Lodge of Vermont.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no item of unfinished business from the previous Annual Communication.

VISITING THE SICK

Our Winnipeg lodges have again rendered fine service in visiting some forty members of other lodges who were confined by illness in the hospitals and I take this opportunity to express our appreciation for their co-operation.

COURTESY DEGREES

During the year we arranged for the conferring of courtesy degrees on forty candidates—fifteen of them on behalf of other Grand Jurisdictions, twelve within our own Jurisdiction and thirteen which we have requested Sister Jurisdictions to arrange on behalf of our lodges.

SECRETARIES' ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS

An informal meeting of the Secretaries of the Greater Winnipeg and nearby lodges was held on January 27th, 1956, for the purpose of having a fraternal discussion with respect to our problems. This was the third successive meeting, and all present unanimously agreed they have proven to be most successful and are very worthwhile. I therefore recommend they be held each year.

In conjunction with the District Meetings held during October and November 1955, I wrote the Secretaries of all lodges in each District, advising that I would hold an informal discussion with them between the afternoon and evening sessions. In each case, due to restricted accommodation and the fact that all Secretaries were not able to be present, they were not as successful as I would have liked. However, I feel it is a step in the right direction and am of the opinion that those attending received benefit from our discussions.

On the recommendation of M.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray, in his Grand Master's Address at the Communication held on June 2nd, 1954, and approved by the Board of General Purposes on November 19th, 1954, at a cost to Grand Lodge of approximately $250.00 and no cost to the constituent lodges, each lodge has been supplied with a three-ring binder divided into five sections; Directives, Research and Education, Administrative, Benevolence and Grand Lodge Forms, complete with a copy of each Directive and Bulletin still in force, all properly numbered and indexed for ready reference.

The Administrative section contains instructions for the Secretary, with regard to compiling the various returns as well as other matters pertaining to his duties.

It is expected that the contents of this binder will be found of inestimable value to both the Master and Secretary of each lodge, in fact, a number of favorable comments have already been received to the effect that it fills a need which has been felt for a long time.

At this time I wish to express the appreciation of those in the Grand Secretary's Office for the excellent co-operation which we have received from all Lodge Secretaries with regard to replying to correspondence and the filing of annual and semi-annual returns, although some twenty-four lodges have changed their Secretaries only two were late. My thanks, Brother Secretary, it is this kind of co-operation which enables us to compile our records in an orderly manner.

FIFTY-YEAR JEWELS

Particulars of Fifty-year Jewels presented during the year will be given by the M.W. Grand Master, however, I would like to impress on the Secretaries of the constituent lodges, the necessity of applying for this recognition immediately they find a member has completed his fifty years membership, as there have been several cases where the brother has exceeded the Fifty years and unfortunately passed away before the presentation could be made.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS, CONFERENCES, DISTRICT MEETINGS, AREA MEETINGS, OFFICIAL VISITS, ETC.

During the year I have attended some fifty-six functions with the M.W. Grand Master, including the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, Minnesota and the Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario). All these visits will be referred to in more detail by the Grand Master and therefore I will not duplicate them in this report.

At the District and Area Meetings as well as some of the Official Visits, I was again given the opportunity to speak with regard to the operation of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes and its various Standing Committees, and in particular the work of the Committee on Benevolence, and the present standing of that fund; it is my hope this will result in more brethren having a better knowledge with regard to the work of their Grand Lodge.

In concluding this, my fourth report, I wish to express my appreciation to the Grand Master for his kindness, to the Committee on Finance for their advice, to all Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes for their assistance, also to my assistant, Miss Margaret

Anderson and to the Executive Secretary, W. Bro. M. G. McKenzie for their willing co-operation in performing their duties in the Grand Secretary's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. C. JACKSON,
Grand Secretary.

This report was presented by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3) who moved it be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) and carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Grand Treasurer presents the following statements covering transactions for the year ending March 31st, 1956:

General Fund
Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable

Benevolent Endowment Fund
Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure

Beneficiary Fund
Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure
Schedule "2"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments

Masonic Disaster Relief Fund
Exhibit "G"—Balance Sheet

War Effort Fund
Exhibit "H"—Balance Sheet

Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund
Exhibit "I"—Balance Sheet

Exhibit "K"—Consolidated Balance Sheet

All accounts have been audited and found correct by the Grand Lodge Auditors, whose certificate is attached hereto.

The investments of Grand Lodge are in order—dividends collected and deposited. Insurance policies are up-to-date and checked periodically. The Committee on Investments is reporting in full on a further small purchase of Bonds for the Disaster Funds.

The General Funds of Grand Lodge, while sufficient to cover expenditures this year, are, nevertheless, causing grave concern, and consideration and study is to be made in this regard.

I must express my sincere thanks to the Grand Secretary for his unfailing assistance, and to his staff for their willing co-operation at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

J. P. MOWAT,
Grand Treasurer.

This report was presented by the Grand Treasurer R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) who moved that it be received and adopted. Seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4) and carried.

April 10, 1956

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

In accordance with your instructions we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1956, and now present the undernoted Financial Statements.

General Fund:
Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:
Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.

Beneficiary Fund:
Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "2"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.

Masonic Disaster Relief Fund:
Exhibit "G"—Balance Sheet.

War Effort Fund:
Exhibit "H"—Balance Sheet.

Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund:
Exhibit "I"—Balance Sheet.

Exhibit "K"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Cash in Bank:

The balances in Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected and found in order.

Yours truly,

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND

As at March 31, 1956

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce		$11,980.64
Cash on Hand (Petty)		100.00
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")		80.95
		$12,161.59
Inventories:		
Supplies and Stock		3,455.65
Investment:		
Government of Canada Bonds 1966—3% (Par Value $10,000.00)		10,500.00
Equipment:		
Furniture and Fixtures Regalia Library and Fixtures Valued at		1.00
		$26,118.24

SURPLUS

Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	$26,118.24

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1956, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the Corporation as at March 31, 1956.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 10, 1956.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended March 31, 1956.

INCOME

Dues	$22,902.75
Initiations	1,278.00
M.M. Certificates	1,364.00
L.M. Certificates	134.00
P.M. Certificates	96.50
Dispensations	199.00
Bond Interest	300.00
Stock	1,350.87
Fidelity Bond	.25
Administration (Benevolent Fund)	300.00
	$27,925.37

EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Honorariums	$9,800.00	
Grand Lodge Communication	3,934.87	
Masonry in Manitoba	2,701.33	
Annuities	517.52	
Library Maintenance	1,222.11	
Rent	1,650.00	
Grand Master	1,000.00	
Northern Trip	351.64	
Board Meetings	743.90	
Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers	624.39	
Consecration and Constitution	29.10	
Area Meetings	359.65	
Stationery, Office Expense and Supplies	884.34	
Regalia G.M. and Officers	260.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	300.25	
Conferences:		
All Canada	$388.09	
Banff	498.05	
Washington	64.93	
	951.07	
Audit	400.00	
Postage and Express	528.69	
Certificates, M.M.	72.07	
Telephone and Telegraph	148.84	
Committee Meetings	127.32	
Flowers	22.50	
Jewels, 50 Year	275.00	
Masonic Relief Association	113.18	
Insurance	143.70	
Unemployment Insurance	105.00	
Exchange	35.01	
Safety Deposit Box	25.00	
Miscellaneous	194.85	
		27,521.33
Excess of Income over Expenditure		$ 404.04
Surplus as at March 31, 1955		25,714.20
Surplus as at March 31, 1956		$26,118.24

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

GENERAL FUND

As at March 31, 1956

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Amount Cr.
8.	King Solomon Lodge	$ 12.00	
11.	Gladstone Lodge	1.25	
15.	Corinthian Lodge	.75	
25.	Ionic Lodge	13.80	
40.	Deloraine Lodge	12.10	
49.	Temple Lodge		$ 2.25
54.	Oriental Lodge		.90
55.	East Star Lodge	.50	
64.	Composite Lodge		12.50
82.	Cypress Lodge		.90
84.	Hamiota Lodge		3.50
92.	Shoal Lake Lodge		1.25
100.	Robbie Burns Lodge		2.00
101.	Binscarth Lodge	4.75	
103.	Crescent Lodge	.75	
105.	Prince Arthur Lodge	6.25	
106.	Strathclair Lodge		.65
107.	Lansdowne Lodge	6.05	
110.	Kilwinning Lodge		2.50
111.	Acacia Lodge	7.50	
115.	Rivers Lodge		.75
117.	Strathcona Lodge	1.00	
122.	Roblin Lodge	5.00	
126.	Favel Lodge	5.75	
130.	Fort Garry Lodge	1.50	
136.	Capitol Lodge	1.00	
138.	Windsor Lodge	4.80	
141.	Tuscan Lodge		.40
148.	Seven Oaks Lodge	1.00	
154.	Pine Falls Lodge	7.75	
155.	Carman Lodge		.25
157.	Rice Lake	1.00	
158.	Fenwick Lodge		1.00
160.	Starbuck Lodge		.30
162.	Ashlar Lodge	6.00	
163.	Charleswood Lodge	1.35	
164.	Harry Woods Lodge	7.50	
167.	Menorah Lodge	.50	
	G. S. Fulford	.25	
		$110.10	$29.15
		29.15	
		$ 80.95	

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE SHEET

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31, 1956

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 1,261.90
Investments:	Par Value		
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 31,500.00	$ 31,376.25	
Government of Canada Bonds	162,400.00	161,967.88	
Canadian National Railway Bonds	27,000.00	27,098.75	
City of Winnipeg Debentures	37,000.00	34,780.00	
Ontario Hydro Electric	59,000.00	59,011.25	
Manitoba Hydro Electric	23,500.00	23,558.75	
			337,792.88
			$339,054.78

SURPLUS

Surplus (Per Exhibit "D")	$339,054.78

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1956, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31, 1956.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 10, 1956.

Exhibit "D"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

For the Year Ended March 31, 1956.

INCOME

Donations, Lodges	$ 510.93
Life Members' Fees	670.00
	$ 1,180.93

EXPENDITURE

Exchange	1.10
Excess of Income over Expenditure	$ 1,179.83
Surplus as at March 31, 1955	337,874.95
Surplus as at March 31, 1956	$339,054.78

Exhibit "E"

BALANCE SHEET

BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31, 1956

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce:			
Savings Account		$ 1,576.78	
Current Account		929.50	
			$ 2,506.28
Investments:	Par Value		
Government of Canada Bonds	$38,900.00	$38,843.75	
Province of Manitoba	10,000.00	10,125.00	
Canadian National Railway	7,000.00	6,973.75	
			55,942.50
			$58,448.78

SURPLUS

Surplus (Per Exhibit "F")	$58,448,78

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1956, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31, 1956.

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ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants

Winnipeg, Man., April 10, 1956.

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31, 1956.

INCOME

Interest—Bonds and Debentures:		
Endowment Fund	$10,643.09	
Beneficiary Fund	1,693.25	
		$12,336.34
Interest—Bank		26.70
		$12,363.04

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "2")	$14,313.45	
Postage, Printing and Stationery	300.00	
		$14,613.45
Excess of Expenditure over Income		$ 2,250.41
Surplus as at March 31, 1955		60,699.19
Surplus as at March 31, 1956		$58,448.78

Schedule "2"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 1956

No.	Name of Lodge	Case No.	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert's	347	$ 185.00
1.	Prince Rupert's	378	245.15
1.	Prince Rupert's	400	245.00
2.	Lisgar	268	125.00
2.	Lisgar	387	365.15
2.	Lisgar	407	280.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	374	245.00
4.	St. John's	302	125.00
4.	St. John's	397	485.00
7.	Assiniboine	420	100.00
10.	Northern Light	316	245.00
10.	Northern Light	426	125.15
24.	Neepawa	307	125.15
24.	Neepawa	399	485.15
24.	Neepawa	398	485.15
39.	Birtle	389	185.00
40.	Deloraine	396	365.15
43.	Lebanon	341	305.15
44.	Oak Lake	394	365.00
44.	Oak Lake	405	305.15
68.	Vermillion	380	245.15
68.	Vermillion	424	105.15
71.	Crystal	418	230.15
75.	Gothic	423	50.00
84.	Hamiota	310	245.00
90.	Midlothian	323	200.00
90.	Midlothian	373	245.15
92.	Shoal Lake	404	365.00
93.	King Edward	364	305.00
93.	King Edward	375	605.00
93.	King Edward	412	365.00
100.	Robbie Burns	291	365.15
103.	Crescent	350	365.15
104.	Reston	419	125.00
108.	Union	415	245.15
111.	Acacia	376	185.00
113.	Tweed	365	125.15
113.	Tweed	393	40.00
113.	Tweed	421	305.15
114.	"The Assiniboine"	422	140.00
119.	Norwood	124	125.00
119.	Norwood	318	10.00
119.	Norwood	388	365.00
119.	Norwood	428	130.15
120.	Penza	414	205.15
	Carried Forward		$11,083.00

Schedule "2"
(Continued)

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 1956

No.	Name of Lodge	Case No.	Amount
	Brought Forward		$11,083.00
124.	The Pas	401	150.00
129.	Shellmouth	409	125.15
131.	Kildonan	406	185.00
134.	Stony Mountain	355	365.00
134.	Stony Mountain	392	50.00
134.	Stony Mountain	427	230.15
137.	Lord Selkirk	367	245.00
139.	Beaver	381	125.00
140.	Meridian	416	245.00
146.	Fidelity	417	150.00
146.	Fidelity	410	365.00
146.	Fidelity	425	140.00
148.	Seven Oaks	368	125.00
151.	The Dormer	386	365.00
153.	Flin Flon	352	365.15
			$14,313.45

Exhibit "G"

MASONIC DISASTER RELIEF FUND

BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 321.72
Investments:			
Government of Canada Bonds:	Par Value	Cost	
1959—3%	$5,000.00	$4,862.50	
1962—3%	5,000.00	4,750.00	
1963—3%	5,000.00	4,700.00	
1966—3%	5,000.00	4,643.75	
1979—3¼%	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Ontario Hydro:			
1976—4%	1,000.00	1,000.00	23,956.25
			$24,277.97

SURPLUS

Surplus as at March 31, 1955		$23,542.57	
Add:			
Interest, Bonds	$729.78		
Interest, Bank	5.62		
		735.40	
Surplus as at March 31, 1956			$24,277.97

Exhibit "H"

WAR EFFORT FUND
BALANCE SHEET
As at March 31, 1956

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce		$130.58
Investment:	Par Value	
Government of Canada Bond 1963—3%	$800.00	752.00
		$882.58

SURPLUS

Surplus as at March 31, 1955		$857.73
Add:		
Bank Interest	$ .85	
Bond Interest	24.00	
	24.85	
Surplus as at March 31, 1956		$882.58

Exhibit "I"

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD DISASTER FUND
BALANCE SHEET
As at March 31, 1956

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 421.89
Investments:	Par Value		
Government of Canada Bonds:			
1979—3¼%	$14,000.00	$14,000.00	
Ontario Hydro:			
1976—4%	1,000.00	1,000.00	
			15,000.00
			$15,421.89

SURPLUS

Surplus as at March 31, 1955		$14,963.00	
Add:			
Bond Interest	$448.55		
Bank Interest	10.34		
		458.89	
Surplus as at March 31, 1956			$15,421.89

Exhibit "K"

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 1956

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce		$ 16,623.01	
Cash on Hand		100.00	
Accounts Receivable		80.95	
			$ 16,803.96
Inventory Supplies and Stock			3,455.65
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures, Regalia, Library and Fixtures Valued at			1.00
Investments:	Par Value	Cost	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	$ 41,500.00	$ 41,501.25	
City of Winnipeg Debentures	37,000.00	34,780.00	
Government of Canada Bonds	250,100.00	249,019.88	
Canadian National Railways Bonds	34,000.00	34,072.50	
Ontario Hydro Electric	61,000.00	61,011.25	
Manitoba Hydro Electric	23,500.00	23,558.75	
	$447,100.00	$443,943.63	443,943.63
			$464,204.24

SURPLUS

Surplus:		
General	$ 26,118.24	
Endowment	339,054.78	
Beneficiary	58,448.78	
Disaster Relief Fund	24,277.97	
War Effort	882.58	
Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund	15,421.89	
Total Surplus as at March 31, 1956		$464,204.24
		$464,204.24

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1956, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31, 1956.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 10, 1956.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL RELATIONS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on External Relations, begs to report as follows:

During the past year, your Committee has considered a request from the National Grand Lodge of Iceland, for recognition and exchange of Representatives.

We find that this Grand Lodge conforms to all the requirements for recognition set up by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and recommend that Fraternal Relations be established and Representatives exchanged.

The National Grand Lodge of Iceland was constituted in July 1951 by a delegation from the Grand Lodge of Denmark and work under the "Swedish System." They are in Fraternal Relationship with the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland.

Your Committee has under consideration and study, requests for recognition from the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel and the United Grand Lodge of Germany. As our studies are not yet complete, we recommend that final action be deferred.

Your Committee has a request for Fraternal recognition also, from the Grand Loga Simbolica De Minas Gerais. This request was only recently presented to this Committee and as little time was available for study, we recommend that it be deferred until our next Communication.

Your Committee finds little change during the past year in the Masonic world. Yet there is evidence that quiet efforts are being made to bring harmony and understanding, in those Grand Lodges where serious differences have strained fraternal relationships, and it is our earnest hope that their efforts will be successful, and harmony and good fellowship will be established, so the influence of our great Craft, may continue its work towards world peace and goodwill.

This report has been approved by the Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED H. BLYTHE,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence begs to submit the annual report for the year ended March 31st, 1956.

During the year, your Committee met as required, to consider new applications and review renewals of the Beneficiaries. From April 1st, 1955, 11 Beneficiaries have been removed, six voluntarily and five by death, and six new cases have been added to the list, making a total of 49 Beneficiaries, as at March 31st, 1956, a decrease of six as compared to March 31st, 1955.

Your Committee is pleased to report that funds available for Benevolence are such as to enable the Committee to deal generously with those in need of financial assistance, but again repeat that the monies received from interest on bonds in the Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary funds are not sufficient to meet the payments to Beneficiaries, making it necessary to draw on the reserves in the Beneficiary Fund. As pointed out in the report for 1955, at the present rate of distributing Benevolence, such reserve funds may be able to take care of requirements for at least ten years. Your Committee strongly urges that the constituent lodges and brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction give consideration to this most important matter.

Your Committee feels that the assets of the Benevolent Endowment Fund should be at least $500,000.00 and we recommend to all members that they peruse the Auditors' statement in the Grand Lodge proceedings so as to get a complete picture of funds available and the need for additional monies for our Benevolent Endowment Fund. As will be noted in the Auditors' Statement, interest earned in the Benevolent Endowment Fund and Beneficiary Fund was $12,363.04, whereas our expenditures for grants amounted to $14,313.45 as compared with $15,193.48 in the previous year.

Your Committee acknowledges with grateful thanks, donations during the year which have been placed to the credit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund, as follows:

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1	$110.00
Emerson Lodge No. 6	10.00
Neepawa Lodge No. 24	25.00
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44	10.00
Strathcona Lodge No. 117	4.00
Norwood Lodge No. 119	25.00
Penza Lodge No. 120	9.42
McCreary Lodge No. 133	5.00
The Dormer Lodge No. 151	50.00
Pine Falls Lodge No. 154	99.00
Rice Lake Lodge No. 157	78.00
T. Gibson (4)	10.00
W. C. McDonald (70)	17.50
N. Rothstein (141)	25.00
P. McPherson	5.00
Fifth Masonic District	28.01
	$510.93

Your Committee is pleased to report that the usual $5.00 cheques were sent to all Beneficiaries at Christmas.

Your Committee again wishes to call to the attention of Masters and Secretaries of our Constituent Lodges, the importance of adhering to the regulations as defined in Section 11 (b) (3) of the Constitution respecting grants to Beneficiaries, and particularly to notify the Grand Secretary of full details with regard to renewals, removals and new applications.

In conclusion, your Committee has endeavored to administer the Funds so that ample provision has been made to those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY CODDINGTON,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24) and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett announced that the reception of Distinguished Guests and of the Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions would take place at the Evening Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Afternoon Session was adjourned at 4.15 p.m., to be resumed at 8.00 o'clock in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th, 1956

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters entered the Grand Lodge room in procession, the brethren singing the Processional Hymn "Not Alone for Mighty Empire."

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett.

MOTION RE HONORARY RANK

The following motion was presented by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) seconded by W. Bro. W. S. Marley (121); and carried:

"Section 4 of our Constitution gives Grand Lodge the authority to confer upon brethren who have rendered distinguished service to the Craft, Honorary Rank in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson
Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta, and Grand Representative of Manitoba

M.W. Bro. Hugh Reid
Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Virginia, and Grand Representative of Manitoba

M.W. Bro. Willard L. Hillyer
Immediate Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota

who, by their service to Masonry in general and their efforts to maintain that Spirit of International Goodwill which has long existed between our Grand Jurisdictions, can justly be designated as having rendered distinguished service.

I would therefore move, that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby confer on M.W. Bro. William H. Jackson, M.W. Bro. Hugh Reid and M.W. Bro. Willard L. Hillyer, the rank of HONORARY PAST GRAND MASTER of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

At the direction of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) retired and re-entered to escort our Distinguished Guests into Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge of Alberta
M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary
Introduced by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141)

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan
M.W. Bro. J. H. Cuddington, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Hon. P.G.M. and Grand Sec'y
Introduced by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)

Grand Lodge of Virginia
M.W. Bro. H. Reid, P.G.M., Grand Representative of Manitoba
Introduced by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (7)

Grand Lodge of Minnesota
M.W. Bro. O. L. Danek, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. W. L. Hillyer, I.P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. L. H. Colson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. R. E. Cummins, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. G. W. Christie, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. G. R. Wilson, Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. D. E. Palmer, Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. C. M. Norton, Director of Masonic Service
Introduced by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)

Grand Lodge of North Dakota
M.W. Bro. Merle Kidder, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. C. M. Pollock, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. H. S. Pond, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary
M.W. Bro. G. C. Hulett, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. E. J. Franta, P.G.M.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)

These guests were received with Grand Honors and were welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master who expressed his

delight at receiving such a large body of Distinguished brethren to this Communication. He said he was glad to extend a welcome on behalf of the Freemasons of Manitoba and hoped their stay in our City and attendance at our Communication would be a pleasant experience.

Our visitors along with their sponsors were then invited to seats in the Grand East.

FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Bearers were then piped into the Grand Lodge room by Pipe-Major Bro. J. Reay (93), R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) carrying the Union Jack and W. Bro. M. G. McKenzie (130) carrying the Stars and Stripes. The flags were presented at the Altar where they were dipped in salute while the brethren sang one verse each of "God Save the Queen" and the "Star Spangled Banner." They were then carried to the Grand East where they remained for the duration of the Sessions.

R.W. Bro. J. A. Longbottom presented himself at the Altar to present W. Bro. J. W. Lutton of Telford Lodge No. 291 and W. Bro. Wm. Berger of Kenilworth Lodge No. 374, both past District Grand Deacons of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, Australia. The M.W. Grand Master welcomed these brethren.

PAST GRAND MASTERS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett stated that the Past Grand Masters of this Jurisdiction had always been a great strength to Freemasonry in Manitoba and so many of them had been of great assistance personally. He felt the members should meet these brethren to whom we are all so greatly indebted and he asked the following Past Grand Masters to stand:

M.W. Bros. J. S. MacEwing, A. L. Crossin, Wm. Douglas, D. S. Woods, S. H. Fahrni, S. Burland, M. S. Donovan, H. B. Donnelly, W. C. McDonald, Harry Coddington, C. E. Cole, F. H. Blythe, H. H. Gray and J. R. C. Evans.

These Most Worshipful Brethren were greeted with applause.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSIONS TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

At the request of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Emmett, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) presented the following brethren at the Grand East, where the M.W. Grand Master presented them with Commissions, as Grand Representatives:

France, National Grand Lodge	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter (Renewal)
Oregon, Grand Lodge	R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton
South Dakota, Grand Lodge	R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann
Vermont, Grand Lodge	R.W. Bro. E. M. Finkleman
Washington, Grand Lodge	R.W. Bro. A. W. Bodkin

The Grand Master expressed the hope that they would perform their duties as Grand Representatives with zeal and interest.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Director of Ceremonies presented the Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, who in turn presented greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodges they represent as follows:

Alberta	R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr
Alpina (Switzerland)	M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni
Argentina	R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin
Arizona	R.W. Bro. A. D. Blair
Arkansas	R.W. Bro. G. H. Lucas
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
Chile	W. Bro. H. Bookhalter
Colombia	V.W. Bro. C. R. Beswatherick
Connecticut	W. Bro. N. C. Law
Cuba	R.W. Bro. W. P. White
Delaware	W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman
Denmark	V.W. Bro. W. C. Birt
District of Columbia	W. Bro. A. C. Cabel
Ecuador	V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson
England	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
France, N.G.L.	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
France, G.L.	R.W. Bro. John Norquay
Georgia	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan
Indiana	M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Ireland	M.W. Bro. H. Coddington
Kansas	R.W. Bro. J. Cuthill
Kentucky	V.W. Bro. J. D. McKinlay
Louisiana	M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Maryland	R.W. Bro. D. Ferguson

Massachusetts	V.W. Bro. P. G. Hawkins
Mexico, Y.G.L.	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Michigan	R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe
Missouri	M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson
Nebraska	R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein
Netherlands	R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover
Nevada	R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat
New Brunswick	R.W. Bro. R. A. McKenzie
New Hampshire	R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions
New Jersey	R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein
New Mexico	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New York	R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate
New Zealand	M.W. Bro. S. Burland
North Dakota	M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
Norway	W. Bro. W. Larsson
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Oregon	R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton
Panama	R.W. Bro. W. Dalzell
Paraiba	V.W. Bro. E. S. Reeves
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Quebec	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
Queensland	W. Bro. Robt. Collier
Rhode Island	M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. H. L. Morrow
Saskatchewan	M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
Sao Paulo	R.W. Bro. E. B. Litz
South Dakota	R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann
Tennessee	M.W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing
Utah	R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
Vermont	R.W. Bro. E. M. Finkleman
Victoria	R.W. Bro. A. R. Dick
Virginia	V.W. Bro. C. Hyde
Washington	R.W. Bro. A. W. Bodkin
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker
Western Australia	V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure

The Grand Master acknowledged the greetings of these brethren and asked them to convey to the Grand Lodges they represent our hearty good wishes and felicitations. He said a resumé of this Communication would be prepared by our Grand Librarian, M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138) and this would be forwarded to them as soon as it was available and they in turn could send it on to the various Grand Lodges they represent.

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), speaking on behalf of all the Grand Representatives present said they pledged themselves to further the fraternal relationships which we enjoyed at present throughout the world.

The Grand Master reported that three Grand Representatives were not present, brethren who were faithful workers in the Craft and whose absence was causing great

concern to the brethren—R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy and R.W. Bro. A. E. Boyle, because of their own health, and M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran because of the serious illness of Mrs. McMorran. He requested the Grand Secretary to write these brethren expressing the regret of all present, that it was not possible for them to be with us this year.

FLORAL TRIBUTE—THE LATE M.W. BROTHER RALPH R. TWAMLEY

At the request of the M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Brother J. R. C. Evans approached the Altar bearing a most beautiful basket of flowers, a tribute from Mrs. R. R. Twamley, widow of our Late M.W. Bro. Ralph R. Twamley, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. M.W. Bro. Twamley had been present at our Annual Communications for many years and had planned to attend this Session, however, he had been suddenly called to attend the Celestial Grand Lodge. The flowers were a token of the esteem and affection our late M.W. Brother had for his brethren in Manitoba. Placing the flowers in front of the Altar for all to see, M.W. Bro. Evans said they were a visual sign to indicate his spirit was ever present with us.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

The following report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, prepared by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51) was read by M.W. Bro. S. Burland (12).

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Let us pause this evening out of respect for those brethren who this past year have entered the Grand Lodge Above.

We remember them in sorrow. Ties of brotherhood and friendship have been broken. Their words, their laugh, their kindness and their wisdom will be enjoyed no more among their earth-bound brethren. Their flesh and blood rest upon the cold bosom of the ground. Their memory still remains fresh among us.

While we remember them in sorrow, we also remember them in hope. We remember them in the faith that "the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the king of terrors beneath our feet."

The Craft teaches men the proper exercise of beneficence and charity. It teaches men to find solace for their own distress by letting their lives go out in sympathy and relief to those whose circumstances are more difficult than their own. It teaches men to free their souls from the fetters of pride and baneful passions by the cultivation of humility and the pursuit of wisdom and truth. And finally, it teaches men how to die.

The Volume of the Sacred Law, wherein our Craft is rooted, instructs us that real life, as over against mere physical existence, can only be lived in a vital relationship to God. When men can no longer have communion with God they die. Our faith is that the cessation of animal existence can not sever that relationship with God which alone makes true life possible. God is greater than death.

We remember our brethren in the faith not that they have apprehended God but that God has apprehended them and in the knowledge that He who has made man in His own image will, in His mercy, give them life.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness:
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

It is therefore, Most Worshipful Sir, in sorrow, in hope, in faith, and in sure and certain knowledge of "the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting" that we write into our Annual Proceedings the names of 23 Past Grand Officers and 280 Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba who have entered the Grand Lodge above.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. NEWCOMBE,
Chairman.

The M.W. Grand Master had the brethren all stand while a Memorial Service paid tribute to those brethren who, during the past Masonic year had answered the call of the Great Architect of the Universe, to attend to labor in the Grand Lodge Above.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. Bro. O. L. Danek, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota brought greetings from the brethren of his Jurisdiction and said it had been their unanimous wish that they confer on M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master and presented M.W. Bro. Evans with a Certificate attesting this action. M.W. Bro. Evans acknowledged this honor and expressed his grateful thanks.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF HONORARY RANK

The Grand Director of Ceremonies presented the following brethren at the Grand East:

M.W. Bro. Wm. H. Jackson, P.G.M. Alberta and Grand Representative, Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. Hugh Reid, P.G.M. Virginia and Grand Representative, Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. Willard L. Hillyer, Immediate P.G.M., Minnesota.

The Grand Master informed these brethren that our Grand Lodge had unanimously approved the conferring on them of the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and expressed the hope that they would attend our Sessions whenever possible.

ADDRESS OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER, M.W. BRO. ROBERT E. EMMETT

My Brethren:

It is with the most profound sense of humility and gratitude to the Most High that we are gathered together in the Eighty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

To all, I extend a very warm and hearty welcome. It is indeed pleasing that so many of you are in attendance. I trust that you will freely enter into the discussions that will arise, and that you will be present with us at all the Sessions tomorrow. I want everyone to feel and know tonight that we are delighted to have you with us.

I am particularly happy to welcome so many Master Masons. Whilst you are unable to take an active part in our deliberations, yet your interest in the proceedings is most stimulating. I do trust you will find all the Communication inspiring, interesting and informative.

The presence of so many brethren from our Sister Grand Lodges arouses in all of us feelings of warm fraternal affection. They have come long distances from other parts of Canada and other countries. To us, they are the actual demonstration of the Universality of Freemasonry. They are here personally to represent the brethren of their respective Jurisdictions, but collectively are a symbol of all Freemasons

throughout the world who belong to Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal relations. To them I extend in all sincerity a genuine and most cordial welcome.

A year ago you conferred on me the honors and responsibilities of the position I now hold, and which I will soon be relinquishing to another of your choice.

I shall always be deeply grateful to the brethren of this Jurisdiction for giving me the opportunity of serving them in the Grand East. It has been a great Masonic adventure and a great joy. It is difficult for me to express adequately my appreciation and thanks to you for the unique experiences of the past year. I can only hope that my efforts to propagate the genuine and fundamental principles of our Institution will in some measure express to you my feelings of gratitude.

This Grand Lodge is indeed fortunate in having an active and capable Board of General Purposes, which under our Constitution is able to relieve the Grand Master of many decisions and problems that arise between Grand Lodge Communications. To them, as well as to many Past Grand Masters, I express my thanks and appreciation for their assistance and continued encouragement.

The loyalty and faithfulness of the Elected and Appointed Officers throughout the year has been constant and effective. A large number of them accompanied me on nearly all of my Official visits, and were always ready to give assistance. Except on two or three occasions, the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson was present on all my Official visits. I am particularly grateful to him for his companionship, helpfulness and constructive advice. I cannot express adequately in a few words my deep appreciation to the Grand Secretary and his staff, W. Bro. M. G. McKenzie and Miss Margaret Anderson for their full co-operation during the year.

NECROLOGY

Before proceeding to review the activities of the year, let us pause to remember all the brethren of this and Sister Jurisdictions who, during the past year, affiliated with the Grand Lodge Above. The Chaplain, as Chairman of the Committee on "Fraternal Dead" has expressed our respect, and we have paid tribute at the Memorial Service to all our deceased brethren.

R.W. Bro. Rev. George Alexander Woodside: On October 21st, 1955, this Grand Lodge was saddened to learn of the

death of R.W. Bro. George Alexander Woodside of Northern Light Lodge No. 10 at the age of 82. He was Grand Chaplain in 1930 and 1931 and Grand Librarian from 1949 to 1953. Since his entry into Freemasonry in 1900 in St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place, Ontario, he has always been an earnest and devoted Freemason. Not alone for his eminence in Freemasonry is his memory revered, but also for those splendid qualities of mind and heart that made him a leader in our Craft, loved and respected in the Community and so staunch a friend.

We record with sorrow and regret, the loss sustained by our Sister Grand Lodges:

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Mar. 24 M.W. Bro. Carlos M. F. Prestinary, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

May 4 M.W. Bro. Karl J. Mohr, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Illinois.

May 18 M.W. Bro. Elwood Anderson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

June 3 M.W. Bro. Wm. H. Moor, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

June 19 M.W. Bro. O. E. Brown, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Michigan.

July 15 M.W. Bro. C. D. Milloy, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Aug. 28 M.W. Bro. G. V. Sternberg, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Colorado.

Sept. 4 M.W. Bro. R. F. Peters, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Sept. 15 M.W. Bro. Thos. Stirling, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

Sept. 23 M.W. Bro. D. L. Shannon, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Oct. 2 M.W. Bro. C. Johnson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

Oct. 17 M.W. Bro. W. T. Powers, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Oct. 21 R.W. Bro. Isaac Cherry, G.S., Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Nov. 4 R.W. Bro. C. S. Douglass, J.G.W., Grand Lodge of Maine.

Nov. 14 V.W. Bro. C. E. Lucas, G. Steward and Tyler, Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Nov. 20 M.W. Bro. W. A. Riner, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

Dec. 12 M.W. Bro. T. S. Purse, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Dec. 28 M.W. Bro. B. L. Hadley, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Maine.

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Jan. 5 R.W. Bro. A. W. Seaward, S.G.W., Grand Lodge of Maine.

Jan. 22 M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Jan. 27 M.W. Bro. J. A. Graham, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Jan. 29 M.W. Bro. G. H. Stephens, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Jan. 29 M.W. Bro. W. S. Gray, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Feb. 7 M.W. Bro. M. A. Kline, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

Feb. 23 R.W. Bro. J. A. Witthaus, J.G.S., Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Feb. 27 M.W. Bro. Mark Musk, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Mar. 2 R.W. Bro. E. E. Morris, P.G.T., Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Mar. 6 M.W. Bro. G. O. Goodman, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

Mar. 9 R.W. Bro. W. A. Small, P.S.G.W., Grand Lodge of Maine.

Mar. 12 M.W. Bro. Ray Bond, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Mar. 28 M.W. Bro. R. R. Twamley, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

Apr. 3 M.W. Bro. G. E. Brimmer, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

Apr. 12 M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Sen. P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. Ralph R. Twamley: On March 28th, 1956, M.W. Bro. Ralph R. Twamley was suddenly called to the Grand Lodge Above. He was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and an Honorary Past Grand Master of Manitoba. He has been in regular attendance at our Annual Communications and all our Sessions, for some years, and was present just a year ago. He was a man of sterling qualities. Those of us who knew him, appreciated that his sincere interest in his fellow men enabled him to exert a great influence for good on all with whom he came in contact, an influence of far greater extent than he himself ever realized. The goodness of his heart and the greatness of his soul will leave a memorial that will live on and on.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

It is with deep satisfaction and delight that I am able to tell you that our Masonic relationships with other Jurisdictions continues warm and friendly. This is evidenced by the number of invitations we receive to attend other Grand Lodge Communications. We accepted as many of these tangible expressions of fraternal goodwill as was possible.

In some cases your representatives travelled long distances to demonstrate that Universal Masonic Spirit of Goodwill, which dwells in the hearts of men who believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

At all these Grand Lodge Communications, your representatives were received with the utmost courtesy and consideration. They felt the warmth of their reception and gracious welcome, as I trust the brethren visiting us now will likewise feel. I shall refer to three special Anniversaries attended.

On July 18th and 19th, 1955, in company with M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni and M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, I attended the One Hundredth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario) held in Toronto. The importance of this Centennial celebration can be estimated when I tell you we found ourselves among fifty-two similar delegations of guests from the British Isles, Australia, United States and Canada. There were no less than forty-one Grand Masters present, and the representative from South Australia, R.W. Bro. Neil F. Hopkins, Senior Grand Warden, had travelled the furthest, some 12,000 miles. The Mother Grand Lodge of England was represented by R.W. Bro. Sir Allan Adair, Assistant Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Sir Sydney A. White, Grand Secre-

tary; Ireland, by R.W. Bro. Lord Donoughmore, Provincial Grand Master; and Scotland by M.W. Bro. Lord Macdonald, Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Lord Eglinton de Winton, Deputy Grand Master and incidentally he was also the Worshipful Master of Kilwinning Lodge No. "0," and R.W. Bro. Dr. A. F. Buchan, Grand Secretary.

On Sunday, July 17th, a Service of Thanksgiving was held in the Grandstand, Exhibition Park, Toronto, at which over 29,000 members and their families attended. During the Communication I had the privilege of addressing the Grand Lodge, and presenting to the Grand Master, an illuminated Address from the Freemasons of Manitoba. To our Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. William Douglas, I am deeply indebted for the preparation of this Address, which read as follows:

"On the occasion of the Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario) the members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba send fraternal greetings and sincere congratulations. We remember with brotherly interest the tie which binds us together. Eighty-five years ago, nine Master Masons, soldiers in the Wolseley Expedition petitioned for and were granted a Dispensation to open a Lodge to be known as Winnipeg Lodge, to meet at Fort Garry. In quick succession two additional Dispensations were issued; one to form Manitoba Lodge at Lower Fort Garry, the other to form Ancient Landmark Lodge to meet at Winnipeg.

"Those three Lodges were subsequently chartered by the Grand Lodge of Canada. In the year 1875 they surrendered their original Charters and formed themselves into the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

"This expression of Brotherly love and affection is sent with gratitude and in appreciation of the devoted assistance rendered to our founding fathers in the long ago.

"We pray that the spirit of Freemasonry so evident in the past may long continue and we wish for our brethren of the Province of Ontario, a continuance of the mutual confidence which has been firmly cemented by the passage of time."

The Address was signed by the Principal Officers of this Grand Lodge. We were impressed by the warmth of our welcome, the extreme care taken in preparing for this Anniversary and the expeditious way everything was carried out.

On October 14th, 1955, accompanied by M.W. Bros. William Douglas, S. H. Fahrni and T. C. Jackson, I attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, held at the City of Edmonton.

Our Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. William Douglas was the guest speaker at the Banquet at which some 800 brethren were in attendance. The Grand Lodge of Alberta was organized in 1905 at Calgary and commenced with eighteen lodges and approximately 1200 members, all formerly under

the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. In attendance at their First Grand Lodge Communication in 1905 were three Past Grand Masters from Manitoba, namely: M.W. Bros. W. G. Scott, Thomas Tweed and E. A. Braithwaite. M.W. Bro. Scott, at that time, installed the Officers of the new Grand Lodge. We from Manitoba received a specially warm welcome on account of our early close associations.

I was particularly delighted to receive, and be able to accept an invitation from W.Bro. D. G. Jardine, the Master of Britannia Lodge No. 18, Ponoka, Alberta, to attend their Fiftieth Anniversary Lodge Meeting on September 7th, 1955. This lodge was originally Instituted and Constituted in 1905 by our Grand Lodge as No. 98. It was one of the lodges forming the Grand Lodge of Alberta and was given by them the number "18." The Grand Master of Alberta, M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, together with a number of his Past Grand Masters and including M.W. Bro. Merle Kidder, the Grand Master of North Dakota, were all present. The original Charter issued by Manitoba was displayed, so you can see the evening was a unique and memorable one.

The complete list of visitations to other Grand Jurdisdictions is as follows:

Grand Lodge of Alberta at Calgary, Annual Communication, June 8-9, 1955.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Regina, Annual Communication, June 14-16, 1955.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota, at Michell, Annual Communication, June 14-15, 1955, represented by M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans.

International Peace Gardens, Joint Meeting of Dunseith and Rolla Lodges, North Dakota, June 29th, accompanied by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein.

Walhalla, N.D., Masonic Picnic and Outdoor Tiled Lodge, July 10th, 1955, represented by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly.

Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario) 100th Anniversary, July 17-19th, 1955.

Masonic Island, Lake Metigoshe, N.D., July 31st, 1955, represented by R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh.

Grand Lodge of Alberta, at Edmonton, 50th Anniversary, October 14, 1955.

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Annual Communication at St. Paul, March 20-22nd, 1956.

It is indeed pleasing for me to report, too, that at Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, our M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans was honored in being elected as an Honorary Past Grand Master of that Grand Lodge.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I am happy to report that I attended all of the eleven District Meetings. The continued improvement in these important meetings is in no small measure due to the assistance given the District Deputy Grand Masters. This particularly applies to the meeting held the morning following the close of Grand Lodge. This meeting is conducted by the Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry. At this gathering the Grand Master has an opportunity of meeting and speaking to his personal representatives in the Districts.

The attendance at the District Meetings on the whole, was excellent. The only exception being that of the Fifth District, which was adversely affected by a stormy day and a heavy fall of snow. It speaks well for this District that in spite of the almost impassable condition of the roads, over fifty brethren were present.

The programmes of the meetings gave evidence of careful planning and the desire to create interest and inspiration. The actual meetings, of course varied, one from another, depending on the personalities and enthusiasm engendered in the Lodge Officers attending. The Question and Answer period was a part of each programme and I express my appreciation to the Grand Lodge Officers accompanying me for making this period so interesting and informative.

To the District Deputy Grand Masters it is an extreme pleasure to express my thanks for their untiring efforts in performing their duties to the utmost. Heavy winter fall of snow and early unfavorable road conditions added to the difficulties of transportation, particularly in the Fifth and Tenth Districts. In the latter, two of the lodges are over two hundred miles apart.

The District Meetings were held as follows:

Oct. 5, 1955—Ninth Masonic District, Benito.
Oct. 18—Sixth Masonic District, Elgin.
Oct. 21—Third Masonic District, Cypress River.
Oct. 27—Seventh Masonic District, Oak Lake.
Oct. 28—Second Masonic District, Carberry.

Nov. 3—Eighth Masonic District, Roland.
Nov. 4—Fourth Masonic District, Cartwright.
Nov. 7—Tenth Masonic District, Stony Mountain.
Nov. 16—Fifth Masonic District, Rapid City.
Nov. 29—First Masonic District, Winnipeg.
Jan. 31, 1956—Twelfth Masonic District, Winnipeg.

AREA MEETINGS

It was decided to again hold two Area Meetings this year, one at Minnedosa on April 25th, 1956, and the other at Roland on May 7th, 1956. Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14 was the host for the former and Shiloh Lodge No. 70 for the latter.

The programmes for both these meetings were planned well in advance by the Committee on Research and Education, and were exceptionally well received by the large number of brethren attending. The Committee concerned will be reporting in more detail, but I extend my congratulations and thanks to the two host Lodges and the Committee for making them the undoubted success they were. The type of questions submitted and the care taken by the local brethren delivering papers, show that interest and potential leadership is not lacking in the Areas concerned.

INSTITUTIONS

The formation of two new Lodges under Dispensation, this year, is a matter of satisfaction and sober reflection. On October 7th, 1955, accompanied and assisted by nearly all the Grand Lodge Officers, and before a large number of brethren from surrounding lodges, I had the distinct honor and privilege of Instituting "Wheat City Lodge U.D." at the City of Brandon, and on April 17th, 1956, of Instituting "Three Pillars Lodge U.D." at St. Vital. Both are sponsored by strong active lodges, and are located in growing communities.

At this Communication you will receive the recommendation that "Wheat City Lodge U.D." be granted a Charter.

LODGES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE GRAND MASTER

I was able to pay Official Visits to the four lodges that come under the direct supervision of the Grand Master on the dates indicated:

July 6, 1955—Fort Prince of Wales Lodge No. 161, Churchill.
July 9, 1955—Flin Flon Lodge No. 153, Flin Flon.
Oct. 6, 1955—The Pas Lodge No. 124, The Pas.
Mar. 2, 1956—Rice Lake No. 157, Bissett.

The Grand Secretary accompanied me on all these visits, except Rice Lake Lodge No. 157. V.W. Bro. E. S. Reeves came to Churchill, but unfortunately was taken seriously ill whilst there, and had to return immediately to Winnipeg for an operation.

On arrival at Churchill we attended the Masonic funeral of their late Senior Warden, Bro. C. C. Morden, who lost his life in a triple drowning accident early in June. The same evening we visited the Lodge and had demonstrated in no uncertain terms that the brethren of this Lodge were those "to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows" and "whose hearts are expanded by benevolence."

It was a solemn experience and we came away with admiration for the zeal and enthusiasm that these brethren displayed in carrying out one of the basic and fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

On our visit to Flin Flon Lodge we were joined by our Senior Grand Warden. We had an excellent meeting with the brethren and then attended their Church Service on the Sunday morning. It is exhilarating to experience the vigor and eagerness of Freemasonry that emanates from the brethren of Flin Flon Lodge.

The Senior Grand Deacon accompanied us to The Pas Lodge. We were glad to meet as many of the brethren as possible. During the evening I had the sacred duty of dedicating a Junior Warden's Chair to Freemasonry in this lodge. The chair was presented by W. Bro. F. A. Woodward on behalf of the Woodward family in memory of the late Bro. F. Woodward who had been a faithful and loyal member of this lodge for many years.

Owing to the time factor involved in transportation, I made the visit to Rice Lake Lodge alone. This was my first visit to Bissett and I was able to confirm all the favorable reports made in the past regarding the activities of the brethren. The average attendance is over 90% and on my visit, every resident member was present except those on shift work.

It was indeed stimulating to feel and receive the warm, sincere and enthusiastic welcome accorded me on these Official visits. I came away from all four lodges with the conviction that each of the Masters was anxious to propagate the genuine principles of Freemasonry in his respective lodge.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR JEWELS

It will be a matter of the utmost gratification to the brethren to read in these proceedings of the large number of brethren who were entitled to and received their Fifty-year Jewels during the past Masonic year. Except where it was indicated, for sentimental or other reasons, that it would be appropriate for some other brother to do so, I endeavored to make these presentations feeling that the brethren would wish me, on their behalf, to invest each Brother with these tokens of love and affection in recognition of their long, faithful and loyal contributions to Freemasonry over the years. The particulars of these presentations are as follows:

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June 8—Bro. Wm. I. Munro, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by R.W. Bro. H. P. Rutter at United Service Lodge No. 524, Victoria, B.C.

June 16—Bro. Wm. Reynolds, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, presented by M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin at a meeting of Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

June 22—W. Bro. W. J. G. McMillan, Lansdowne Lodge No. 107, presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan at a meeting of Lansdowne Lodge No. 107.

Aug. 26—Bro. D. P. Christie, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, G.M., at Bro. Christie's home.

Sept. 13—R.W. Bro. Wm. Moore, King Solomon Lodge No. 8, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, G.M., at a meeting of King Solomon Lodge No. 8.

Oct. 7—V.W. Bro. H. W. Cooper, Capitol Lodge No. 136, presented by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray at a meeting of Capitol Lodge No. 136.

Oct. 17—Bro. J. Cunningham, Empire Lodge No. 127, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett at a meeting of Empire Lodge No. 127.

Oct. 19—Bro. Alex. Dewar, Gladstone Lodge No. 11, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett at a meeting of Gladstone Lodge No. 11.

Oct. 19—W. Bro. C. E. James, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe at a meeting of King Edward Lodge No. 93.

Nov. 8—W. Bro. A. A. Varley, Manitou Lodge No. 30, presented by W. Bro. W. T. Pringle at a meeting of Manitou Lodge No. 30.

Nov. 15—Bro. G. E. Ansley, Manitou Lodge No. 30, presented by V.W. Bro. L. F. McLaughlin at a meeting of Temple Lodge No. 649, Oshawa, Ontario.

Nov. 28—W. Bro. A. W. Morley, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, G.M., at a meeting of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Nov. 29—W. Bro. D. J. Watson, Neepawa Lodge No. 24, presented by R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, D.G.M., at a meeting of Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

Nov. 30—Bro. Wm. Dewar, Secretary, Acacia Lodge No. 111, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, G.M., at a meeting of Acacia Lodge No. 111.

Dec. 5—Bro. J. B. Steele, Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, G.M., at a meeting of Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137.

Dec. 12—W. Bro. E. R. Redpath, Oriental Lodge No. 54, presented by Bro. I. C. Brook at Bro. Redpath's home, Vancouver, B.C.

Dec. 19—W. Bro. N. Braendle, Binscarth Lodge No. 101, presented by R.W. Bro. J. E. McKinnon at a meeting of Binscarth Lodge No. 101.

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Feb. 10—Bro. L. Palmer, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by Bro. A. C. Urquhart at Bro. Palmer's home, Vancouver, B.C.

Feb. 23—Bro. P. Silver, Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, G.M., at a meeting of Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143.

Mar. 5—Bro. A. R. Tetley, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, mailed to Bro. Tetley in California.

Mar. 14—Bro. J. A. Reid, St. James Lodge No. 121, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, G.M., at a meeting of St. James Lodge No. 121.

Apr. 4—R.W. Bro. E. P. Withrow, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, presented by R.W. Bro. A. V. Piggott, P.D.D.G.M. (Manitoba), at a meeting of Ionic Lodge No. 25, Toronto, Ontario.

May 2—Bro. C. R. McLean, St. John's Lodge No. 4, presented by R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan, at a meeting of St. John's Lodge No. 4.

May 2—R.W. Bro. W. H. French, Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, G.M., at a meeting of Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134.

May 6—Bro. R. H. Hamlin, St. John's Lodge No. 4, presented by R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan at Bro. Hamlin's home.

May 6—Bro. F. Main, St. John's Lodge No. 4, presented by R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan at Bro. Main's home.

May 15—W. Bro. E. M. Saunders, Carman Lodge No. 155, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, G.M., at a meeting of Carman Lodge No. 155.

May 17—W. Bro. B. H. Emerson, Morden Lodge No. 13, presented by R.W. Bro. G. H. Bray, at a meeting of Morden Lodge No. 13.

May 25—R.W. Bro. J. M. Riley, Stonewall Lodge No. 12, presented by R.W. Bro. A. C. Powell, D.G.M., G.R. Michigan, at a meeting of Birmingham Lodge No. 44.

June 1—Bro. F. H. Rimer, Morden Lodge No. 13, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, at Bro. Rimer's home.

June 7—W. Bro. W. C. Soole, Stonewall Lodge No. 12, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, at the Grand Lodge Communication.

June 7—W. Bro. W. V. Udall, Doric Lodge No. 36, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, at the Grand Lodge Communication.

June 7—Bro. I. B. Carnes, Acacia Lodge No. 111, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, at the Grand Lodge Communication.

June 7—W. Bro. J. S. Miller, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, at the Grand Lodge Communication.

June 7—Bro. Geo. Thompson, Meridian Lodge No. 140, presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, at the Grand Lodge Communication.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO CONSTITUENT LODGES

From observations over the past several years, I became convinced that the constituent lodges do derive benefit from a visit by the Grand Master. Therefore, without any personal significance I determined to accept as many invitations as I possibly could. I was able to accept all the invitations received, even though this did entail making seven visits in May. Looking back, I feel that such visits did accomplish something for Freemasonry. In most cases I met not only brethren from the host lodge, but many from surrounding lodges as well. It is gratifying indeed to recognize many of these brethren in attendance at this Communication. It also gave the brethren an opportunity to meet many Grand Lodge Officers in person, and such contacts could not but help to cement better understanding and friendships.

It was a matter of deep personal gratification to receive invitations to visit my Mother Lodge, Ophir No. 112, on December 16th, 1955, and my present Lodge, St. James No. 121 on November 9th, 1955.

In addition to my visits to the four Northern Lodges, I attended fifty-one constituent lodges and lodge functions as follows:

Aug. 23, 1955—Strathcona Lodge No. 117, Belmont.

Sept. 13—King Solomon Lodge No. 8, Morris.

Sept. 19—Rivers Lodge No. 115, Rivers, opening new Temple.

Sept. 28—Acacia Lodge No. 111, East Kildonan.

Oct. 4—Vermillion Lodge No. 68, Dauphin.

Oct. 11—Russell Lodge No. 62, Russell, 60th Anniversary.

Oct. 17—Empire Lodge No. 127, Winnipeg, 50 year Jewels.

Oct. 19—Gladstone Lodge No. 11, Gladstone, 75th Anniversary.

Oct. 26—King Edward Lodge No. 93, Winnipeg, Ladies' Night.

Nov. 1—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, Winnipeg, "Canadian Night."

Nov. 5—Beaver Lodge No. 139, Winnipeg, Ladies' Night.

Nov. 9—St. James Lodge No. 121, St. James, Remembrance Night.

Nov. 14—Ionic Lodge No. 25, Winnipeg, Memorial Service.

Nov. 17—Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Winnipeg, 50 year Jewel from Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) to M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin.

Nov. 24—Ionic Lodge No. 25, Winnipeg, Ladies' Night.

Nov. 28—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, Winnipeg, 50 year Jewel.

Nov. 30—Acacia Lodge No. 111, East Kildonan, 50 year Jewel.

Dec. 5—Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137, Winnipeg, 50 year Jewel.

Dec. 16—Ophir Lodge No. 112, Beausejour (my Mother Lodge).

Jan. 2, 1956—Norwood Lodge No. 119, Norwood, "At Home."

Feb. 3—Fidelity Lodge No. 146, Winnipeg.

Feb. 14—Kildonan Lodge No. 131, East Kildonan.

Feb. 21—Temple Lodge No. 49, MacGregor.

Feb. 23—Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143, Winnipeg.

Feb. 24—Beaver Lodge No. 139, Winnipeg.

Feb. 28—Doric Lodge No. 36, Boissevain.

Mar. 6—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, Winnipeg.

Mar. 7—Menorah Lodge No. 167, East Kildonan.

Mar. 10—Menorah Lodge No. 167, Ladies' Night.

Mar. 13—Crescent Lodge No. 103, Elm Creek, 50th Anniversary.

Mar. 14—St. James Lodge No. 121, St. James, 50 year Jewel.

Mar. 15—Meridian Lodge No. 140, Winnipeg.

Mar. 27—Harry Woods Lodge No. 164, Lundar.

Apr. 3—The Dormer Lodge No. 151, East Kildonan.

Apr. 4—St. John's Lodge No. 4, Winnipeg.

Apr. 9—Windsor Lodge No. 138, St. Vital.

Apr. 14—Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Winnipeg, Ladies' Night.

Apr. 16—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, Winnipeg.

Apr. 17—Institution of Three Pillars Lodge, St. Vital.

Apr. 18—Deloraine Lodge No. 40 at Deloraine.

Apr. 24—Combined meeting of Brandon Lodges, Brandon.

Apr. 25—Area Meeting at Minnedosa.

Apr. 26—Miniota Lodge No. 102, Miniota to present a photograph of M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, P.G.M., on behalf of Mrs. J. J. and Miss Marion Henderson.

Apr. 27—Beaver Lodge No. 139, Winnipeg.

Apr. 30—Meeting of Past Masters' Association, Winnipeg.

May 2—Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134, Stony Mountain, 50 year Jewel.

May 7—Area Meeting at Roland.

May 11—Tuscan Lodge No. 141, Winnipeg.

May 15—Carman Lodge No. 155, Carman, 50 year Jewel.

May 21—Killarney Lodge No. 50, Killarney.

May 28—Assiniboine (7) and Marquette (21) Lodges, Portage la Prairie.

M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly was my representative on June 10th and 11th at The Pas Lodge No. 124, when they celebrated their 40th Anniversary.

DIVINE SERVICES

It was appropriate that many Divine Services were again attended by lodges and Districts. The Grand Lodge Church Service was held this year on April 15th at the Crescent Fort Rouge United Church with a satisfactory attendance. Our Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. C. R. Newcombe delivered a penetrating and stimulating message.

Accompanied by a large number of Grand Lodge Officers I attended the service of the First Masonic District in Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg, on April 22nd. R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb was supported by a splendid number of his brethren.

On May 6th, the Twelfth Masonic District held their Service at St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg. The invitation to take part in the Service was appreciated and it was rewarding to listen to a stirring sermon by Bro. Burton Thomas.

I also attended Service with Harry Woods Lodge No. 164, Lundar, on September 18th, 1955, and with the Second Masonic District at Carberry on Sunday, May 27th.

BANFF CONFERENCE

Among the many informative and satisfying experiences of the year was the Fifteenth Annual Inter-Provincial Conference of the Officers of the Four Western Masonic Juris-

dictions held at Banff on September 8th, 9th and 10th, 1955. The Senior Grand Warden will make a complete report on this Conference, during this Communication.

I just want to express my appreciation at having been in attendance, and having with me the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Senior Grand Warden and M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran. Out of the numerous subjects suggested for consideration by the Four Western Grand Lodges, four are chosen each year, which are assigned to brethren in ample time for them to prepare a comprehensive paper. The papers submitted over the years reflect the research, thought and energy that have been expended by the individual brethren concerned. These valuable papers should be preserved in each lodge library and used over the years, to the fullest extent.

Whilst one has to be mindful of the costs involved, it would certainly be a beneficial experience if this Grand Lodge could send all of its principal Officers to this Conference each year.

DISPENSATIONS

A large number of dispensations were authorized during the year. The full details will be given by the Grand Secretary in his report. However, I wish to draw attention to the thirteen dispensations issued for joint Installation of Lodge Officers. Our Constitution as it now stands makes no provision for these joint ceremonies. Dispensations have been issued for this purpose year after year in the interest of harmony and well being. If joint Installations are considered desirable, the Constitution should be amended to permit this practice without the constant necessity of obtaining dispensations. On the other hand, if it is undesirable, then the lodges should conform to the Constitution and perform their own Installation ceremony in December.

My own opinion is that the Installation of the Officers of a lodge is an important annual event, and is a personal family affair of the individual lodge. It therefore seems to me it should be carried out in each lodge by its own Past Masters. This would not prevent asking other Past Masters to assist, if found necessary.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) During the Communication, you will have the opportunity of hearing the various Committee Reports presented by their respective Chairmen. You will, I know be able to

appreciate the amount of time and work these Committees are required to contribute, so the affairs of Grand Lodge may be carried on smoothly and efficiently. As the work of the two Committees "Condition of Freemasonry" and "Masonic Research and Education" are of such a nature as to make a continuity of effort desirable, I recommend that Chairmen of these two Committees be chosen with the view they may be continued in that position beyond the period of one year.

(2) Having in mind the number of Fifty-year Jewels presented over the years I would recommend authorizing the issuing of a Sixty-year bar to be placed on the ribbon of those entitled to it.

(3) As it is, of course, impossible for any *one* person to keep in close and constant personal touch with each of the 117 lodges, these are, therefore, divided up into smaller groups having consideration for geographical location and numerical strength. This enables the representative of the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, to visit officially and unofficially each lodge in his group conveniently and often. As each District Deputy Grand Master is a member of the Board of General Purposes, he is the Grand Lodge Officer able to maintain a closer relationship and a clearer understanding between the brethren in the lodges and the other Grand Lodge Officers.

The growth of the Jurisdiction over the years as regards new lodges and numerical strength has not been uniform, and from time to time the grouping of lodges needs revising if the District Deputy Grand Masters are to be able to help properly, and guide the lodges under their care. This necessity has again arisen, and was drawn to the attention of this Grand Lodge in 1952 by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe. Since then, the situation has become more pronounced. This year the severe winter and heavy falls of snow placed an increased burden on the District Deputy Grand Masters, and they deserve the gratitude and appreciation that I express to them now, for having completed their duties as well as they have.

When this matter is considered again, one can only hope and urge that the brethren will take a realistic attitude, and look beyond the narrow limits of their own particular lodge and district. The matter of re-grouping the lodges and increasing the groups would be in the best interest of this Jurisdiction.

(4) The matter of lack of lodge attendance continues to cause grave concern. This is particularly noticeable in the larger lodges, when degrees are being conferred at emergent meetings. During the year, I have on many occasions, tried to point out to the brethren how they might arouse within themselves a greater interest in the Degrees.

(5) A certain amount of misunderstanding still seems to exist as to the functions and operations of Grand Lodge. It is well to remember that the three principal Officers, together with all Past Masters of each Lodge are members of Grand Lodge, and should be in attendance at the Annual Communications. The situation could also be improved, if every Master would see that the brethren of his lodge had an opportunity of hearing and discussing in lodge a resumé each year, of the Annual Proceedings.

CONCLUSION

Now, brethren, as I look back over the year, I am grateful that I was free of all other responsibilities and able to give all my time to the interests of this Grand Lodge. My conviction was confirmed that the brethren are vitally concerned in the fundamental and basic principles of Freemasonry, those eternal truths that have not, and cannot change over the years—the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul. On this solid foundation laid in the North East Corner of the Lodge, Freemasonry has withstood all the vicissitudes of life, wars, civil and national, the Reformation and other ecclesiastical upheavals.

Freemasonry as we know it, is clear, concise, simple and not complicated. Its strength over the years is due to having clung to these basic fundamentals that appeal to the hearts of men of goodwill in all nations, and in all ages. As man has developed mentally over the ages, one might easily assume at times, that his chief delight has been to make things more difficult and complicated for himself, but as man has progressed spiritually over the same period, he realizes that the essentials of life are still those unchanging qualities and virtues that Freemasonry teaches.

Let us therefore make sure that we adopt the best method available in this progressive speculative age, of instilling into the large number of novices that the chief object of Freemasonry is the eternal search after Truth. At the same time, our object is also to encourage every Master Mason to think for himself.

Our pride of a great heritage must inspire in us a sense of responsibility to posterity, and arouse in us the determination to pass on this great heritage, not only pure and unimpaired, but greater and better for those who follow in our train.

Brethren let us pray that our Freemasonry, which we love so much, will continue to find dignity, beauty, harmony and peace.

The Address was received with much applause and R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, D.G.M., thanked the Grand Master for such an inspiring message. It was moved by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (7) seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) that the Address of the M.W. Grand Master be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was then adjourned at 10.30 p.m., to reconvene at 10.30 the following morning.

Second Day

THURSDAY, JUNE 7th, 1956

Morning Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10.30 a.m., by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, having set up a Special Committee to administer the Masonic Disaster Relief Funds, begs to submit the following report:

There being no disbursements from these funds, during the past year, this Committee can only report that the funds are safely invested by the Committee on Investments.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED H. BLYTHE,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1) who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141).

W. Bro. R. J. Horton (114) asked if any assistance had been offered to Grand Lodges which may have suffered loss through adverse weather conditions. M.W. Bro. Coddington replied assistance had been offered to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia but this had been declined with thanks. Motion to adopt the report was then put to the vote and carried.

JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals, begs to report in the term now expiring this Committee has not had great labors to perform.

The M.W. Grand Master during the year received a request for a Petition to form a Masonic Lodge at Lynn Lake and asked that The Pas Lodge No. 124 be the sponsoring Lodge due to the fact that a number of the applicants were members of that Lodge. The question submitted to your Committee was whether under the Constitution Flin Flon Lodge No. 153 would have to be the sponsoring Lodge. Your Committee reported that Flin Flon Lodge was the nearest Lodge to Lynn Lake and should give the Certificate of Endorsation for the proposed new Lodge at Lynn Lake. Your Committee, however, suggested that the Flin Flon Lodge be written to, given the facts and it might waive giving the Certificate of Endorsation in favor of The Pas Lodge.

The only other matter submitted to your Committee concerned formation of another Lodge in the Municipality of St. Vital. The suggested group of applicants included some four brethren who were not members of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction and the question submitted to your Committee was whether all the petitioners must be members of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. Your Committee reported that in its opinion every petitioner for a new Lodge in St. Vital must be a member of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction because there is another Lodge at present in that locality.

Whenever called upon your Grand Secretary and all members of his office have been most attentive and courteous to your Chairman and the members of his Committee during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

S. HART GREEN,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24) and carried.

FRATERNAL REVIEWS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Reviews submits its annual report on the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions with which the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is in Fraternal Relations.

Practically all jurisdictions have reported an increase in membership so that many Grand Masters are now turning their attention to the large lodges and would like to see them start new lodges.

The large lodges may be partly to blame for the small attendance at their meetings as there is not much chance for the younger members to get opportunity to hold office, resulting in their dropping away.

The investigating of applicants is not strict enough according to many Grand Masters and it now looks as though their regulations may become more strict in the future.

The subject of Masonic Education is one of the leading topics discussed by Grand Masters and Grand Lodge committees, and it is the belief of some that if the newly-raised Mason can be imbued with the desire for more light they will become better Masons.

A reviewer has a privilege and a pleasure which is rare to comparatively few, in having the opportunity of knowing through a perusal of the proceedings of other Jurisdictions those who are using their time and talents to help Masons and Freemasonry.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. KERR,
Chairman

This report was presented by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein (141) and carried.

CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry begs to submit the following report.

Following the Eightieth Communication of Grand Lodge, 1955, the newly-elected and installed officers entered upon their duties with sincerity and zeal. In the report of the Grand Secretary you will find statistical details of the activities of this Grand Jurisdiction for the past year. The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters contain more details and we shall endeavor to include herein only a brief resumé of items of general interest and special significance.

Regular District Meetings were held in all Districts with good attendance and interest. The Constituent lodges have continued their regular assemblies and work in their respective communities.

The M.W. Grand Master, accompanied by other Grand Lodge Officers on various occasions, has been most generous of his time and talent in his Official visitations. His Addresses have covered a wide variety of Masonic subjects and reflect many hours of serious preparation.

The friendly advice and valuable assistance of our Grand Librarian M.W. Bro. Donnelly is much appreciated throughout the entire Jurisdiction and the result of his good work is very evident.

With two exceptions each District file was reviewed thoroughly by a committee member and all were reviewed by the Grand Secretary and your committee chairman. From the individual reports, certain trends are indicated which seem worthy of comment and special consideration.

While we are proud of our achievement, we recognize that we have certain shortcomings, and opportunities for improvement. We trust, therefore, that it may prove beneficial that this Committee record certain items to be of special interest. Our suggestions are not offered with any feeling of censure but rather with commendation for the good work performed and recommendation for further improvement and advancement.

HARMONY: Harmony generally prevails throughout the Grand Jurisdiction with only an occasional isolated case of its absence.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Two meetings of this Committee have been held in addition to the regular meeting of the retiring Chairman with the incoming District Deputy Grand Masters. In this connection, your Chairman wishes to pay special tribute to the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein for his valuable assistance and guidance.

AREA MEETINGS: Two Area Meetings were held at Minnedosa and Roland and were exceptionally well attended. There was very marked interest on the part of the brethren. It is evident that the members of the Grand Jurisdiction desire a continuance of these in the future.

STUDY CLUBS: More benefit is gained when Officers and conveners of Study Clubs are selected from eligible members who are not principal Officers of the lodge, thus utilizing more of the available manpower in the lodge, and relieving the principal Officers of that additional duty.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Several lodges are offering scholarships which are proving very helpful to the recipient and also identify the Craft with constructive community upbuilding of a commendable nature.

DRAMATIC CLUBS: Dramatic clubs in several lodges are proving an additional means of enunciating Masonic truths in a forceful manner. They also provide additional opportunity for creating and continuing member interest.

DEGREE WORK: The standard of Degree work seems to improve. The use of Master Masons as much as possible in those parts in the Degree work not required to be done by Masters and Past Masters is fast being recognized as of utmost importance.

MEMORIAL SERVICES: Honoring the memory of our deceased brethren by use of the Memorial Service is commended. Lodges should please take notice of the excellent short form now approved for use if desired, and which appears in the revised Ceremonial now available.

PROGRAMMES: Favorable results have been realized by taking advantage of special events as they present themselves throughout the year, such as, adaptation of programmes at regular or emergent meetings to coincide with seasonal events or special individual happenings of particular interest within the lodge membership. Programmes should be planned several months in advance.

HISTORICAL REGISTER AND HISTORY: A survey shows the following: Registers written up—73; partly—28; None—15.

Lodges are to be commended for the progress made in writing up the History and Historical records, and lodges whose records are incomplete are urged to assign new manpower to this important work. Masonic history is in the making every day and should be promptly recorded.

LODGE VISITATIONS: Many lodges are to be commended for the fine record of fraternal visits to other lodges. Continuance is urged especially to the weaker lodges from the stronger, with a stimulating programme. The District Deputy Grand Masters are urged to assist in arranging for such necessary visits to gain the maximum benefit from all visitations.

PANEL SPEAKERS: The availability of a panel of speakers prepared to deliver Addresses or lead discussion on subjects of Masonic interest is highly desirable. The Fifth Masonic District in particular is to be commended for its progress in this regard.

LODGE PREMISES: Many lodges are to be commended for their construction of new Temples or improvement or renovation of present quarters. Institutions are judged by their appearance as well as their activity.

DIVINE SERVICE: Divine Services have been held at all levels of Masonic activity within the Province—Grand Lodge, District and individual Craft Lodges. The continuance of this is outward evidence of our moral and spiritual aspirations and beliefs. While not compulsory, such observance is strongly urged by your Committee.

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: Social activity of Masonic lodges is much in evidence in many areas and lacking in others. While varying local conditions may be responsible we should be mindful of our duties and obligations to be good citizens portraying without as well as within the lodge room the Spirit of Brotherhood.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS' VISITATIONS: District Deputies who delayed their Official visits until winter have found the heavy snows and blocked roads a serious handicap in completing their final visits. It is recommended that Official visits by the District Deputies should be completed as soon as possible after their Installation in order that they may become familiar at once with the condition of each lodge and render the greatest possible assistance to the varying problems of each. It is true, a late visit gives a better opportunity of appraisal of the year's work but is too late for constructive criticism. For the current year,

only 6 visits or 5.2% were made during June, July and August;
79 visits or 69.2% were made during September, October and November;
24 visits or 21.5% were made during December, January and February;
5 visits or 4.1% were made during March, April and May.

The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers completed 50% of their visits to lodges under their supervision in the first quarter, setting a very fine example.

WEATHER EFFECT: Weather conditions have a marked effect on lodge attendance and activity. We should be cognisant of the fact that the winter of 1955-56 has presented a difficult communication problem to District Deputy Grand Masters and also to individual members of lodges, especially those located in rural areas. Masonic work has been carried

on with considerable hardship and often personal inconvenience and discomfort. For this reason, special commendation is due to our District Deputy Grand Masters and faithful individual lodge workers.

ATTENDANCE AT GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION: There is a very marked reference throughout most of the District Deputies' reports, to the low percentage of attendance of the three Principal Officers at Grand Lodge sessions. It is suggested that the District Deputies make special effort to correct this situation by personal contact with constituent lodge Officers at a proper time in advance of Grand Lodge Communication. It is recommended also, that *Masonry in Manitoba* carry a memo of Grand Lodge dates in the April and May issues with a very brief appeal for a full attendance of Masters and Wardens.

BROCHURES FOR THE USE OF D.D.G.Ms.: This Committee wishes to congratulate the Grand Secretary on his preparation of the excellent brochure containing copies of Directives, special bulletins issued by the Committee on Research and Education, in loose leaf form, capable of further additions as issued. This will be especially helpful to District Deputies in the organization and conduct of their duties.

BALLOTING AND INITIATION: It is regrettable that there are some lodges who have Initiated candidates on the night of the ballot. Unless special extenuating circumstances make it imperative, this practice should be avoided and discouraged.

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE: It is recommended that Minutes and Correspondence should be condensed as far as possible without sacrificing factual information; read in a clear audible manner, to create interest in what is being said, for time saved is time gained. Those lodges whose accounts and correspondence are reviewed and dealt with by a Committee of General Purposes with their recommendations to the open lodge, save much valuable time.

INSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES: Two new lodges were Instituted during the last year. WHEAT CITY LODGE now Under Dispensation was sponsored by Brandon Lodge No. 19. The interest of Wawanesa Lodge No. 67 in this new lodge is to be highly commended. Very satisfactory progress is being made. Your Committee recommends that a Charter be granted. THREE PILLARS LODGE now Under Dispensation was sponsored by Windsor Lodge No. 138. A most impressive Ceremony of Institution was held very recently. All signs point to a bright future. The Dispensation requires work to be continued under Grand Lodge supervision until the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1957.

It is to be noted that there are many lodges in urban areas with large numerical strength. It is generally conceded that in lodges of more moderate size, greater opportunity is afforded for participation in Degrees and other lodge work. Could it be that some of the overcrowded lodges might well be considering the "pains of childbirth," rather than to continue to suffer from the "growing pains" now experienced?

REDISTRIBUTION: While the plan for redistribution of Districts presented a year ago was not accepted, it would appear that further study should not be lost sight of, as the extent of some Districts numerically and geographically, present quite a problem to several of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

NORTHERN LODGES—Under Supervision of Grand Master: It is the opinion of this Committee that special reference be made to the con-

tinued efficient functioning of the Craft in the Northern outposts, where lodges are denied the usual advantages of fraternizing with brethren of other lodges and Districts. The four lodges under the personal supervision of the Grand Master, continue to perform a most unique service to their Masonic Brethren and in many respects portray to a very marked degree the fundamental principles on which Craft Freemasonry is founded. Concrete evidence of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are exemplified in the personal acts and deeds of many brethren. They have set a fine example of personal service and sacrifice in the cause of Freemasonry.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Sincere and special thanks are tendered to each of the District Deputy Grand Masters and to the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson and the members of his staff for their splendid and efficient administrative work.

We recommend that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the following brethren:

First Masonic District	Basil R. Webb
Second Masonic District	William J. Witherspoon
Third Masonic District	George Alexander Taggart
Fourth Masonic District	George St. Clair Fulford
Fifth Masonic District	William Neil Thompson
Sixth Masonic District	T. Alexander Reid
Seventh Masonic District	John Davison Bell
Eighth Masonic District	Robert Aaron McKenzie
Ninth Masonic District	Harold Evans Staples
Tenth Masonic District	James C. Wishart
Twelfth Masonic District	Alfred Henry Wilfrid Cook

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

W. A. PRUGH,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff (130) and carried.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 4:

It was moved by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24) and carried—that Section 4 be amended by inserting after the word "proposed" in the eighth line thereof, the following: "and the Notice of Motion shall appear in the summons calling the Annual Communication." The first paragraph of Section 4 would then read as follows:

"Grand Lodge may, in recognition of eminence, ability or service rendered, confer on a member of this or any Sister Jurisdiction, such rank as it may deem appropriate; in the case of a member of this Jurisdiction, notice of motion to confer such rank and distinction shall be sent in writing,

by the mover, to the Grand Secretary not later than the first day of March preceding the Annual Communication at which such motion is to be proposed, and the Notice of Motion shall appear in the summons calling the Annual Communication. In the case of a Sister Jurisdiction, Notice of Motion shall not be necessary. In either case, a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting shall be necessary."

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 11 (c):

It was moved by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) and carried that

Section 11 (*c*) be amended by inserting after the words "the Beneficiary Fund" where they appear in the fourth line thereof, the following, "and other specified funds."

That Section 11 (*c*) be further amended by inserting at the end thereof the words, "and other specified funds." It is suggested also that the word "and" where it appears in the fourth line and the last line of said Section 11 (*c*) be deleted and a comma substituted therefor, and the word "funds" at the end of the fifth line thereof, be deleted.
Section 11 (*c*) would then read as follows:

"11 (*c*)—GENERAL FUND: This fund shall be credited with all moneys received by Grand Lodge other than those received for the Benevolent Endowment Fund, the Beneficiary Fund and other specified funds. From it shall be made all payments on account of Grand Lodge, excepting those from the Benevolent Endowment, Beneficiary and other specified funds."

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 41

It was moved by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. J. Witherspoon (29) and carried.

"That Section 41 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"41. The Past Masters, Masters and Wardens of the Lodges from each District who are in attendance at the Annual District Meeting held within the District shall choose by ballot a District Deputy Grand Master.

"A Nomination for such District Deputy Grand Master shall be in writing signed by a member of Grand Lodge who is also a member of a lodge situate in the District for which such nomination is made, and shall be filed with the Grand Secretary and the District Secretary not later than Twelve o'clock noon seven days prior to the date of such District Meeting, at which time the Grand Secretary shall declare the nominations closed. Before accepting any nomination, the Grand Secretary shall ascertain that the person nominated is duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution to hold the office of District Deputy Grand Master. After the nominations have closed the District Deputy Grand Master shall appoint a committee of three consisting of a chairman and two other members hereinafter called the 'District Committee' to supervise the election.

"The procedure to be followed shall be the same as set forth in Sections 35, 36 and 37 of the Constitution, substituting the words 'District

Committee' for the word 'Committee' the words 'The Office' for the words 'any office' wherever they respectively appear in said sections and deleting the words 'or members' in the last line of Section 36. The District Secretary shall forthwith report in writing to the Grand Secretary the name of the District Deputy Grand Master so chosen.

"The member in each District so chosen shall be declared elected when the choice is confirmed by the Grand Master elect at the next succeeding Communication of Grand Lodge. If not confirmed, or the member so chosen declines to act, the Grand Master shall ask that another choice be made, and shall issue a Dispensation for the holding of a District Meeting in the District concerned at a time and place to be stated in such dispensation for the purpose of making such choice, and at such District Meeting nominations may be made and a District Deputy Grand Master chosen for such District by a majority vote by ballot of the members of Grand Lodge of such District, present at such District Meeting in the manner hereinbefore set forth. If any District Meeting or Meetings shall fail to choose a District Deputy Grand Master for the next subsequent term, or if for any other reason the office shall be vacant, the Grand Master shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy."

In discussing the Motion, R.W. Bro. H. A. Lye (49) asked what would happen if there was only one nomination. It was pointed out that this Section now clarified the method of holding an Election for the Office of District Deputy Grand Master and that if one nomination only had been made no election would be necessary, the brother so nominated would be declared elected by acclamation.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett announced that it was with a great deal of personal regret which he was sure would be felt by all the brethren that we would not hear an Address from our Grand Historian this year. Acting on the advice of his physician, the Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas had been forced to curtail his activities last winter with the result he had not been able to complete the research on which he had been engaged and had requested he be given a reprieve for this year. The Grand Master was glad to report that M.W. Bro. Douglas now felt well enough to be able to attend Grand Lodge and expressed the hope his health would continue so we could look forward with a great deal of anticipation to hearing from him in 1957.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, representing the Grand Master of that Jurisdiction; M.W. Bro. Merle Kidder, Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and M.W. Bro. J. H. Cuddington, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, presented greetings and fraternal good wishes from their respective Grand Lodges.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was adjourned at 12.05 to enable the brethren to attend the Luncheon given under the auspices of the Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

A complimentary luncheon was provided for the out-of-town members and the Distinguished Guests by the Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg, supported by the lodges comprising the Greater Winnipeg area.

Luncheon was served at 12.30 p.m., with the President of the Past Masters' Association, W. Bro. A. J. Ryckman (1), presiding. R.W. Bro. E. M. Finkleman (143) introduced the guest speaker, M.W. Bro. Hugh Reid, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Virginia who gave the following Address:

ADDRESS OF M.W. BROTHER HUGH REID

I am very happy to be here today with my brethren of Manitoba. I come to you from the oldest of the American states. Nevertheless, I come without any feeling of being a stranger or in a strange land. Possibly this needs some explanation. I am a citizen of Virginia and have spent two-thirds of my adult life there. I have the same pride in her as her native sons, in her history and philosophy and the same confidence in her destiny. My origins, however, are across the seas. I was born in northern Ireland of Scottish blood and the Scottish character is not easily laid aside. When I heard Bill Douglas tell the story of the beginning of the Red River settlements I had the same pride in his recital as yourselves because those hardy pioneers were my kinsmen too. Virginia's Freemasonry is largely Scottish in origin and so is yours so far as personnel is concerned.

Virginia was faithful to the common law of England, but her schoolmasters and her physicians were largely Scottish, and they were the bulwark of our earlier Masonry. So after all I have the feeling of being at a family reunion among my own kith and kin.

I should like to talk to you about Freemasonry. Before long the Grand Lodge system will be 240 years old. Maybe it is time to take stock and to see how well we have kept the faith. In doing this we must not be captious. We must not forget that we live in a changing world. For instance, I live within a half-hour's drive of George Washington's home, I am a member of the Masonic lodge of which he was master; yet, since his day, steam, electricity, chemistry and other modern technological advances have changed everything. We must not expect Freemasonry to remain the same. We ourselves must change or stagnate. Therefore, in reviewing the history of our Craft during the past two centuries and a half we must distinguish between those changes which consist in adapting the external world to our uses and those changes which affect our fundamental concepts of Freemasonry itself.

The handful of men in London who erected a Grand Lodge out of four dying operative lodges could have had no concept of the magnitude of the consequences that would ensue from their modest beginning. They certainly knew less about Masonic history than we do now. While some of the old charges available to them have disappeared many others were to remain undiscovered for more than a century. However, the principles they laid down are still universally recognized in theory. In practice, I fear we have departed from them. We are adrift from our moorings. Let us consider those fundamentals later on. We shall find that whether by chance or design these men planned well and their reasoning is good more than two centuries later.

We were for many years distressed with mystical and even weird theories as to the origins of Freemasonry. These theories were mainly arrived at by steadfastly ignoring facts. Some twelve or thirteen such theories were developed. While we were creating the myths about the Egyptian and Hebrew origin of Masonry we had before us the facts of history which all point out that Freemasonry is as British as roast beef, or if I am too far south in the United Kingdom, it is as Scottish as oatcake or barley meal or haggis.

Consider how deftly our progenitors fashioned their platform. Let us first take religion. Operative Freemasonry

was monotheistic and so was England in 1717. Operative Masonry's application of its belief was simple for there was only one brand of theology and only one church. By 1717 the Reformation had laid its hand on Britain and the first schism was succeeded by others. Men were freely defending their beliefs and attempting to enforce them on others even at the point of the sword. Neither the jail, the stocks nor the lash seemed to be effective weapons and Britain was rapidly approaching the two and seventy jarring sects described by Omar Khayyam. Freemasonry's answer to that dissension was that it would offer no platform to contending pulpiteers but would forbid discussion of denominational religion within its lodges. It was enough that man believed in the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

In politics the situation was no better than in religion. England within 80 years had seen a king beheaded, one of his sons restored to the throne and another banished in execration. The new Hanoverian kings who eventually succeeded, nevertheless sat uneasily upon their thrones. There still remained many Britons who were loyal to the Stuarts and who preferred kings even of an alien faith but who spoke the language of their subjects, to the stolid German speaking Georges with their stout mistresses. Armed rebellion was to recur twice within thirty years. What was Freemasonry's answer to this? This answer was that our lodges are centers of union and harmony and that we do not discuss politics within our four walls.

Upon these rocks was speculative Masonry founded: that we are content that if men believe in God, they may contend in the outside world about their modes of worship but that in our lodges they shall find sanctuary so that by ceasing from contention they may cultivate those cherished satisfactions of friendship and brotherhood.

The third great principle was that of charity. This is a good old word which has changed in meaning. The Latin word *caritas* meant more than alms-giving. St. Paul who wrote in Greek suffered no mis-translation when the word charity was employed in the Latin sense (as it was in the King James Version), to cover every form of human love and kindness. Thus Freemasonry included the duty of relieving the brother whom poverty had overtaken but did not rest there.

Our earliest Freemasonry was simple. There were no degrees in operative Masonry but the invention of a degree

was necessary to set forth the allegorical basis of our philosophy. The Degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason were also necessary. When this trilogy was complete the grand design of Desaguliers and his associates was finished.

They had set forth all the duties of the Craft, to each other, to their Creator, and to society in general. Hardly had they been established when the work of innovation began and we entered upon a period of complication. The first complexity began with the invention of a new degree. The so-called "ancients" by inventing so-called York Masonry out of conjecture and by disregarding history found an excuse to label the true ancient Masonry as modern. Having thus justified a new degree upon the basis of false history they proceeded to sell their brand of Freemasonry as superior because it had a fourth degree.

Thus the work of innovation began and the next century was one of busy manufactory of heresies and new systems. Alchemy, Rosicrucianism, political advantage and personal profit gave us more degrees. One of these systems, believe it or not, consisted of some 99 degrees. The Strict Observance heresy was another product of this time and it unfortunately persists in Scandinavian Freemasonry to this day. In this turmoil, fortunately, the great Grand Lodges of the British Isles were frequently tempted but nevertheless kept the Institution pure except for the compromise necessary to save the Institution from the evil of two contending Grand Lodges. Nevertheless the work of innovation continued and today no one knows how many organizations are based upon membership in the Masonic Fraternity.

Possibly I am too rigorous in my criticism. It may be that men derive some benefit from all these so-called additions to Freemasonry. As for myself, I find no basis for their boast that they explain Masonry. Truth is after all a very simple thing. It is not to be found in multiplication of rituals or in false history. To call French Freemasonry Scottish is no more explaining truth than are the modern rituals explained by calling them York or Kilwinning.

Together with this complication of organization we embarked on a period of false history. I find Oliver worth reading but not for his invention of mythical Grand Masters nor for his fantastic identification of Masonry with every good work beginning with the creation. This is after all a dividing line between myth and history; and the Craft is under an everlasting debt to the more recent school of

Masonic historians who believe that Masonic history is to be found in the same manner as history generally, that is by going back to original and authenticated sources.

This seems like a black picture but I am persuaded to believe that there is a brighter side. Men who were content 50 years ago to accept the vaporings of unskilled feature writers are now turning to sound scholarship. The multiplication of parasites seems to have slowed down. Meanwhile the Fraternity itself increases at an enormous rate and the thoughts of Masonic leadership are turning more and more to making Masons and less and less to making members.

What now of those closer or more intimate aspects of Freemasonry? I venture the assertion that Freemasonry will eventually be judged by its devotion to its immortal principles. We often hear it said in the United States that the ritual is the life-blood of Masonry. I appreciate the pride of good ritualists but one might as well say that the life-blood of the church is bound up in its liturgy or vestments. Our ritual, like the liturgy of a church, is merely a setting, the outward limbs and flourishes. The underlying truths are the fundamentals of Freemasonry and in the long run our ability to know and use these truths will determine our success and our survival. The world will judge us by this standard.

Herein lies a great lesson. Those who forgot the fundamentals of our ancient Institution are dust and ashes. Those who have kept the faith survive and although temporary misfortune may overtake them it is still true that truth crushed to earth will rise again. We move in a world that has unveiled secrets of science that have been hidden from our eyes. In the last century we have made greater scientific progress than has been made in all previous recorded time. Yet we yearn for something that appears unattainable. Men long above everything else for peace but they despair because it escapes their grasp. There is no safety in wealth or riches. They surround us but in our hearts is fear.

A little over a year ago I had the privilege of chatting with an Asiatic brother and we naturally discussed the way in which my country could assist his and naturally turned to the usual formulae but to my amazement my Asiatic friend said "Give us your Masonry." "Trade," he said, "is important. But your traders are interested primarily in profits. They care more for profits than they do for us."

Religion, I suggested, but again he shook his head. "We respect your missionaries but they want to change our modes of worship." Money and armaments? "Yes, but our people suspect imperialistic designs. Give us your Masonry; it has no axe to grind. It offers us brotherhood and asks nothing in return but brotherhood. That way lies peace and human understanding." Is there not some deep lesson in the prayer of our Asiatic brother? If he saw the vision of peace through the teachings of our Craft may we not pause and consider their value to ourselves?

One of the great lessons of history is that Freemasonry has nothing to fear from external danger or threats. Persecution has been tried but the Craft has always arisen phoenix-like from its ashes. For a time it may be proscribed but it always arises purified and cleaner than before, as precious metals are freed in the furnace from the dross which obscures the rarer element. During our own day we have seen German Freemasonry crushed under the iron heel of a despot, who foolishly believed that his puny man-made world would last a thousand years. That strutting peacock does not even have a grave but the United Grand Lodge of Germany has proudly joined its peers. Elsewhere in Europe the temporary eclipse of our lodges has given way to full freedom. In the Far East, neither political proscription by the invader nor ecclesiastical tyranny within has prevented our Philippine brethren from rebuilding their temples. Behind the iron curtain our brethren still languish, they too will rise again.

So much for external enemies. Consider France which is the victim of her own departure from principle. Her lodges have always been plagued by politics. They have even removed the Volume of the Sacred Law from their Altars. Their plight is more serious because they cannot successfully contend with their own failings.

These straws show us which way the wind is blowing, do they not point out the way. The "iron shard and reeking tube" of which our brother, Rudyard Kipling, spoke may afford us protection against our enemies but our problem is to make our enemies our friends. Peace is not an armed truce. What then is left for us but to believe in and practice those ancient virtues.

The quest for the Holy Grail has been the theme of many poets. It is but the archetype of quests in general. Their theme is the same. Man searches the world and travels afar

but always finds the object of his search within himself. Today we feverishly peer into the crucible of the chemist, we delve into the bowels of the earth, we hopefully descend into the depths of the seas, we fly into the stratosphere and we dream of journeying to the planets, all in the hope that we shall encompass all knowledge and become as gods. I do not deprecate the thirst of man for knowledge but neither do I join in the vain hope that the new knowledge even though it unlocks the mysteries of the suns and makes man the ruler of the universe, will make man ruler of himself.

Thus we are faced with this paradox. At no time has man been so richly blessed with knowledge of the world without. And at no time in history has he been so conscious of his need to find out how human beings can learn to live together in peace and harmony. He yearns for liberty and daily finds himself less free. He hopes that the new knowledge will give him liberty, forgetting that learning is the child of liberty and not its parent. The great surges of learning that have occurred in the world have always succeeded periods of widening liberty, and the central thought of each such widening has been a broader feeling of brotherhood. The blossoming of art and philosophy was a product of the free cities of Greece. The concept of brotherhood among pastoral tribes on the seven hills of Rome destroyed the kingship just as failure to preserve that concept destroyed the empire. The mad priest of Kent who preached that all men were of one blood was but a remote author of the Bill of Rights.

What conclusion then do we as Freemasons draw? The essence of our teaching is but the principle that has been the wellspring of liberty and peace. Our own search for the Grail eventually brings us to ourselves. The belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man has been the rock upon which the peace of the world has been founded. The duties we call Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are but deductions flowing from the central principle. Only in these have we found refuge in the past. For nearly two centuries and a half we have preached them. The time has come to believe in them so fiercely that our belief will become a burning torch to guide a disordered and unhappy world to peace on earth and good will towards men.

What do we conclude then? Although we have strayed far from the design of our Masonic forefathers, although we have piled ritual upon ritual, although we have multiplied lodges and chapters and consistories until we are puzzled

to disentangle ourselves from our bonds, although we have formed lodges so large that we cannot all meet under the same roof, we have clung to our central principle that Masonic lodges are centers of union and harmony having a common belief in the brotherhood of man. This Central belief is almost the only thing left that Masonic lodges have in common. If we cling to it, it will save us in the end. Freemasonry is the natural ally of democracy which after all is but the recognition of the dignity of human personality. Fear is the enemy, but fear and brotherhood cannot dwell together. The ice and frost of fear cannot withstand the sun of brotherhood. If Freemasonry throughout the world will but arise to a knowledge of the spiritual strength of its own doctrine, and stand as a united force in defence of the truth that it professes, it will save itself and save a disordered world.

Prolonged applause marked the completion of this fine Address and W. Bro. G. W. Rattray (165) on behalf of all present thanked the guest speaker for his excellent Address.

The Toast to M.W. the Grand Master was proposed by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4) to which M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett very ably responded. Bro. Bert Whiteman (25) entertained the gathering with some very fine vocal solos. W. Bro. D. McFadyen (156) thanked the Past Masters' Association and through them, the Host Lodges for the very enjoyable time had by all.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7th, 1956

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett at 2.55 p.m.

REPORT ON THE BANFF CONFERENCE—1955

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

As a member of the Manitoba Delegation to the Banff Conference held last September 8th, 9th, and 10th, I beg to submit the following report.

For many years I have heard of the outstanding contribution to Freemasonry that was derived from the Banff Conference. This was my first attendance, and I wish to re-assure the members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, that everything said about it was true. When you get so many outstanding members of the Craft from so many Jurisdictions sitting around a table, talking over our problems, it is quite unnecessary to state that nothing but good comes out of it.

Attending the 1955 Conference from Manitoba, were the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Senior Grand Warden and one Past Grand Master. The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia were represented by their respective Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and in two cases, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, together with many Past Grand Masters.

Also in attendance were the Grand Master of Wisconsin, M.W. Bro. H. A. Speich, with his Grand Secretary; M.W. Bro. W. L. Hillyer, Grand Master of Minnesota, with his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary; M.W. Bro. Merle Kidder, Grand Master of North Dakota; and M.W. Bro. C. G. Johnson, Grand Master of Montana, with his Grand Secretary. There was also a Past Master from Hollywood, California, and a number from Alberta Lodges. This would indicate that the Conference now is becoming International. Our American brethren made an outstanding contribution to this meeting. You find, actually that our love for the Craft and its problems is the same on both sides of the border.

The Conference was presided over by M.W. Bro. K. P. Warwick, P.G.M. of British Columbia, assisted by the hard-working and efficient Secretary of the Conference, M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis, P.G.M. of Alberta.

At the opening meeting, Thursday evening September 8th, we were welcomed by the Worshipful Master of Cascade Lodge, in whose Temple

all the Conference meetings were held. We had the pleasure too, of hearing an outstanding Address by M.W. Bro. Roy Long, P.G.M. of British Columbia who chose for his topic, "A Bunch of Keys." This was an inspiration to all in attendance, and I would heartily recommend that everyone read this Address in the Proceedings of the Conference.

Four topics were discussed during the two-day Conference, as follows:

What Effect on Freemasonry has the Retention of some Historical Conception of its Origin and Development?

Do the Ancient Charges apply to present day Masons?

The Scope of the Cable Tow.

Who Will Follow in our Train?

I do not think it is necessary to comment on all the papers in this report as they are all in the Proceedings of the Conference together with the discussions and these too, I would recommend to be read by the members of all our Lodges. It seems, to we who were in attendance, that to get the most out of the Conference, all lodges should make a greater use of the papers. Either in reading both Papers and discussions in Lodge, or reading the Papers and having their own discussion. By doing this, we feel the Conference will help all Freemasons, not only those attending the Conference.

I might say, that during the discussions, the Grand Master of Wisconsin, M.W. Bro. Speich, made his presence felt by his outstanding contribution. All came away with the feeling that here indeed was a great citizen and Freemason.

On the lighter side, all delegates and their wives were entertained by the Grand Master of Alberta, M.W. Bro. Carl Heckbert, at a banquet which was most enjoyable. It should also be noted that our wives were well taken care of by the Committee in charge of Arrangements.

I am happy to report that M.W. Brother Robert E. Emmett was elected President of the 1956 Conference, again to be held at Banff.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that to get the most benefit from the Banff Conference, all lodges in the Jurisdiction should make more use of the Papers and discussions, a copy of which has been forwarded to each Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID ROTHSTEIN,
Senior Grand Warden.

This report was presented by the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin and carried.

DECLARATION OF CLOSE OF BALLOT

At this point the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Emmett stated it was 3.00 p.m., and he declared the Ballot closed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) and carried.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Investments begs to report that as at March 31st, 1956, the total funds of Grand Lodge invested in Bonds and Debentures was $443,943.63, the par value of which was $447,100.00, details of which is given in the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

This represents an increase over March 31st, 1955, of $5,495.62 or par value of $5,500.00 from funds made available as follows:

Donations, Life Membership Fees, etc., credited to the Benevolent Endowment Fund in amount of $3,495.62 invested in Canadian Government Bonds, 3¼%, maturing Oct. 1st, 1979—par value	$3,500.00
Interest earnings of Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund $1,000.00, invested in Ontario Hydro Electric 4% Bond, maturing Jan. 15th, 1976	1,000.00
Interest earnings, Masonic Disaster Relief Fund, $1,000.00 invested in Ontario Hydro Electric 4% Bond, maturing Jan. 15th, 1976	1,000.00
	$5,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. McDONALD,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) that it be received and adopted. Carried.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Finance begs to submit the following report. During the past year, your Commit-

tee on Finance has carefully supervised all matters pertaining to the General Fund of Grand Lodge. Meetings were held regularly each month to check and authorize payment of all accounts presented through the Grand Secretary.

Balance of Income and Expenditures as at March 31st, 1956:

Income Budgeted	$27,450.00
Income, Actual	27,925.37
Expenditures Budgeted	27,875.00
Expenditures, Actual	27,521.33
Surplus as at March 31st, 1955	25,714.20
Surplus as at March 31st, 1956	26,118.24
Excess of Income over Expenditures	404.04

The book of Ceremonials having been revised by a Committee appointed for that purpose, and approved by The Custodians, 2000 copies were purchased and are now in stock in the Grand Lodge Office. Because of the increased cost of printing, your Committee found it necessary to set the resale price at $1.25 per copy, which will include the cost of handling and mailing.

The printing of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge has become a major expenditure, but with the close co-operation of your Grand Secretary and your Committee on Finance, it has been possible to keep this expenditure to a minimum by changing the type size, eliminating partially printed pages wherever possible and restricting the length of Reviews.

The fire resistant cabinets approved by your Committee last year are now in service in the Grand Lodge Office and are a welcome replacement. There is every indication that further replacement of office equipment will have to be made in the coming year in order to handle the work in an efficient manner.

The Committee on Finance would like to acquaint the members of Grand Lodge with the fact that it is becoming more difficult each year to maintain the services now rendered to the Lodges and their membership on the present per capita of $1.50 and an impossibility to extend or introduce further services regardless of their merit. During the past number of years the increase in membership has been sufficient to keep pace with the rising cost of operation, but it is the opinion of your Committee that the General Fund of Grand Lodge will require additional funds in the very near future if an efficient operation is to be maintained.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our Grand Secretary for his ever-ready assistance. The preparation and presentation of comparative information and figures by him for the information of the Committee has been most helpful and has enabled us to perform our duties with the greatest effect.

We also wish to express our sincere thanks to Miss Margaret Anderson and W. Bro. Gordon McKenzie for their kind assistance and co-operation at all times.

The Budget, showing the approximate Income and Expenditure for the year 1956-1957 is attached to and forms part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY H. GRAY,
Chairman.

BUDGET 1956-1957

INCOME

	Budget 1955-56	Actual 1955-56	Budget 1956-57
Dues	$22,950.00	$22,902.75	$23,500.00
Initiations	1,400.00	1,278.00	1,250.00
M.M. Certificates	1,400.00	1,364.00	1,300.00
L.M. Certificates	150.00	134.00	140.00
P.M. Certificates	100.00	96.50	100.00
Dispensations	150.00	199.00	175.00
Bond Interest	300.00	300.00	300.00
Administration Benevolent Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00
Stock	700.00	1,350.87	1,200.00
Fidelity Bond	.....	.25	32.00
	$27,450.00	$27,925.37	$28,297.00

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	$ 9,800.00	$ 9,800.00	$10,100.00
Grand Lodge	4,100.00	3,934.87	4,000.00
Constitution and Consecration	.....	29.10	200.00
Masonry in Manitoba	2,800.00	2,701.33	2,800.00
Annuities	520.00	517.52	548.00
Library	1,600.00	1,222.11	1,800.00
Rent	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00
Grand Master	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
G. L. Officers and Grand Secretary	550.00	624.39	550.00
Lodges under Grand Master	450.00	351.64	450.00
Board Meetings	800.00	743.90	800.00
Area Meetings	360.00	359.65	425.00
Stationery and Office Supplies	700.00	884.34	800.00
Regalia	260.00	260.00	260.00
Conferences	775.00	951.07	1,290.00
Furniture and Fixtures	300.00	300.25	205.00
Audit	400.00	400.00	400.00
Postage and Express	550.00	528.69	550.00
M.M. Certificates	100.00	72.07	100.00
Telephone and Telegraph	165.00	148.84	150.00
Masonic Relief Association	115.00	113.18	117.00
Fifty-year Jewels	275.00	275.00	275.00
Insurance	150.00	143.70	10.00
Unemployment Insurance	105.00	105.00	110.00
Committees:			
Research and Education	100.00	48.56	100.00
External Relations	.....	25.34	25.00
Condition of Freemasonry	50.00	25.00	30.00
Fraternal Reviews	15.00	5.22	10.00
Benevolence	30.00	23.20	30.00
Exchange	40.00	35.01	40.00
Safety Deposit Box	25.00	25.00	25.00
Miscellaneous	240.00	194.85	200.00
Flowers	.....	22.50	.....
	$27,875.00	$27,521.33	$29,050.00
Estimated Income			$28,297.00
Taken from Surplus			753.00

R.W. BRO. J. McKENZIE

At this point the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Emmett requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies to present R.W. Bro. J. McKenzie (7) at the Altar. The Grand Master announced that R.W. Bro. McKenzie was 91 years young and especially welcomed him to this Annual Communication recognizing his interest in the Craft and hoping this interest would be copied by other brethren.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AND GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) and carried.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Masonic Research and Education begs to submit the following report:

At the Grand Lodge Communication of 1954 the recommendation of the Committee that a small sub-committee be set up to prepare an instruction programme, particularly for the candidates passing through the Degrees, was accepted. The sub-committee appointed immediately following Grand Lodge Communication, has met regularly and has completed the major part of their work in setting up the "Mentor Plan." This has had our primary attention during the past Masonic year.

The candidate booklets have been rewritten and have been submitted to the Committee on Research and Education. After examining them, the Committee unanimously approved them. The sub-committee is now engaged in preparing the instruction material for the Mentor Plan. It will not be possible to have this completed before our Grand Lodge Communication.

The work involved has taken a lot of time and labor, especially for M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, who prepared the preliminary drafts for consideration of the sub-committee each time they met. In view of the fact that a great deal of time and labor has been devoted to this undertaking, and having in mind that the setting up of the programme will involve some initial expenditure by Grand Lodge, we feel that before it is submitted to Grand Lodge for final approval, it should be tested out in a number of lodges. In this way defects or weaknesses may be revealed, and any necessary changes made before it is finally adopted. It is therefore the intention of the sub-committee with the approval of the Com-

mittee on Research and Education to complete the work and arrange for it to be used in several lodges. These lodges will then report on its effectiveness. We therefore recommend that the sub-committee which was appointed for two years, be continued for another year.

The Committee is pleased to report that there is evidence that many lodges are concerned with the need for Masonic instruction. Question periods or discussions are held in many lodges. Study or Discussion Groups have been active. Officers and members of our lodges are deeply aware of the need for continued effort in providing instruction and it is the desire of our Committee to encourage this. Unfortunately too many do not make the best use of the willingness of the Committee to help. Our work of Masonic instruction can be successful only if the Masters are willing to co-operate.

An excellent example of what can be done to arouse interest in Masonry is seen in the Fifth Masonic District, where under the direction of R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton, P.D.D.G.M., an inter-lodge speaking programme has been carried out. Though somewhat handicapped by unfavorable road conditions, 20 brethren prepared addresses for their own lodges and many of these were given at other lodges.

This Committee is gratified to report that Masonry in Manitoba has been greatly enriched by the valuable contributions it has received during the past years from our monthly paper "Masonry in Manitoba." Pleasing comment has been received not only from the members in our Jurisdiction but from brethren in other Provinces and States. The timely and educational topics that appear in every issue cannot help but give the reader a much clearer concept and greater appreciation of the Masonic theory as a way of life. As an example the article which appeared in the April issue, entitled "For they are men wondered at" is but one of the many literary gems it has been our privilege to read and should be preserved for future reference. The article mentioned was the text of a sermon preached by the First Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Clarke in Holy Trinity Church, on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1874. M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, the Editor of "Masonry in Manitoba" has earned the everlasting gratitude from every brother in our Grand Jurisdiction for his efforts in making such reading material available to them.

As in former years, this Committee arranged for two Area Meetings to be held in this Grand Jurisdiction. The first of these meetings was held on April 25th at Minnedosa to which 18 lodges received invitations. Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14 kindly consented to be the Host Lodge. The second meeting was held on May 7th at Roland to which 15 lodges received invitations. Here, Shiloh Lodge No. 70 acted as Host Lodge. Each meeting was preceded by a Banquet commencing at 6.00 p.m., for which the Host Lodge had charge of the Programme. The Area Meetings started at 8.00 p.m., following the Banquet and was conducted according to the following programme:

1. (*a*) Why I like the Entered Apprentice Degree
   (*b*) Why I like the Fellow Craft Degree
   (*c*) Why I like the Master Mason Degree

   At Minnedosa, given by:
   (*a*) R.W. Bro. J. R. Reid (19)
   (*b*) W. Bro. John Rankin (84)
   (*c*) W. Bro. G. O. Curll (101)

   At Roland, given by:
   (*a*) W. Bro. C. C. Thomson (6)
   (*b*) W. Bro. F. S. Westwood (13)
   (*c*) R.W. Bro. R. A. McKenzie (70)

2. How should it be done? Lodge of Instruction
3. Question Period
4. Address: The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett.

Both meetings were well attended. Minnedosa had an attendance of around 175 while approximately 150 members attended the meeting at Roland. The brethren dealing with the topics of "Why I like the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason Degrees," delivered very interesting and instructive papers on each topic, making it evident that serious thought and time had been devoted in the preparation of these papers. The keen attention and applause of the brethren present gave proof of their deep appreciation.

The Lodge of Instruction brought many things to the attention of the members, whereby ceremonial and ritualistic functions of the lodges may be performed with the dignity and decorum befitting the solemnity of the Work. This part of the program was under the able direction of M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly.

The Question Period is becoming more popular every year at these Area Meetings under the very able direction of R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein. As more brethren every year take part in it, the time allotted to this period seems to come to an end only too quickly.

Both meetings concluded with most inspiring Addresses by the M.W. Grand Master, enabling everyone who attended, to come away enriched with a better concept and appreciation of the many facets and ideals of Freemasonry.

Additions to our Library have been made during the year through the purchase of books on the recommendation of the Grand Librarian. Of particular interest is the popularity a little booklet has with many of our members, entitled "One Hundred and One Questions about Freemasonry." Over a thousand of them have already been distributed at cost price among the members in this Jurisdiction. Details regarding Library work will be found in the report of the Grand Librarian appended hereto which forms part of this report.

In conclusion, we wish to express our appreciation to M.W. Bro. Robt. E. Emmett, our Grand Master for his attendance at some of our meetings and the helpful assistance he has given us.

Our grateful thanks also goes out to our M.W. Grand Secretary and his staff for their friendly co-operation and ready assistance which they have given at all times. Last but not least, is the harmony that has existed within your Committee while carrying out its work, which has made it a labor of love and pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. SAWATZKY,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, Chairman, Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother:

I have the honor to present my report as Grand Librarian for the year ending March 31, 1956.

The year has been one of steady activity in the Grand Lodge Library. While, of course, we all feel that too many brethren fail to avail themselves of the opportunities for acquiring Masonic knowledge provided by the Library, there has been an encouraging demand for information and for the use of the Library books. It is always good to have the younger members visit the Library, to have the opportunity to talk with them about the principles and background of Freemasonry, and to help to answer some of their questions. These brethren have come, I feel, on the recommendation of many of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Lodge officers who themselves are interested in furthering Masonic education. Further results of this encouragement is shown by the fairly frequent requests for answers to questions of Masonic topics which come from members of various Study Groups and from those seeking information on specific subjects.

Again, by permission of the Grand Master, letters were sent to all brethren elected to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the coming year. A number of these are already preparing themselves for their duties by the use of books from the Library.

The fifteen Book Kits for lodges outside the Greater Winnipeg area have been in constant use. While in some cases the brethren in the lodges obtaining them have not made as full use of them as could be desired, yet there has been a satisfactory response to this effort, and it is hoped that interest in Masonic study has been strengthened.

Two lodges in the Winnipeg area have each taken out a number of books for the use of their members. These are distributed by a brother of the lodge who is responsible for them.

There has been a most encouraging increase in the use of clippings, pamphlets, and other material by brethren who have undertaken to prepare short talks on Masonic subjects. This is particularly the case in the Fifth Masonic District, where, under the direction of R.W. Bro. S. Dayton, P.D.D.G.M., the inter-lodge speaking programme has been continued during the year. This is an activity which cannot be too highly commended, and the effects of it can be seen in the growing interest of the brethren, and in a better understanding of the meaning and purpose of the Craft.

That brethren generally, are anxious for Masonic information is shown by the demand for the booklet "One Hundred and One Questions About Freemasonry." The reference to it in "Masonry in Manitoba" helped greatly in the distribution of these useful little books. During the year about one thousand copies were purchased through the Library. Requests for them have come in from many parts of Canada, and even from the United States. A number of lodges have purchased quantities of them for sale to their members, and others are making a practice of giving one to each newly raised brother.

During the year 44 books have been added to the Library, three by gift and the rest by purchase. The larger number of these were for use in the Book Kits.

There have been 373 books borrowed, including those in the Book Kits. Many of these, of course, were read by more than one brother. This is about the same number as last year. There have also been borrowed 161 clippings, pamphlets, magazines, etc., as compared with 65 last year.

The work of the Library involves much more than merely lending books. Brethren are encouraged to make it a centre where they can consult with the Librarian on Masonic subjects, and on means of building

up interesting lodge programmes. Masonic plays, sets of questions, and suggestions for lodge meetings have been sent out. Also a number of speakers have been provided for lodges both within and beyond the Winnipeg area.

In general, the year has been an encouraging one, and it is hoped that the Library has been able to fulfil, in some measure, the purpose for which it is maintained.

I wish to express to you, R.W. Bro. Sawatzky, my personal thanks for the steady and helpful support you have given throughout the year. I am grateful also to the Library Committee, R.W. Bros. F. Davey, A. A. MacDonald, and M. Finkleman, for their advice and interest. To the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, and his staff I am indebted for many courtesies and for their willing co-operation.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

HARRY B. DONNELLY,
Grand Librarian.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REVISION

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. P. White (4) and carried.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Constitution and Revision submits the following report.

Since the last Annual Communication this Committee has not attempted to make any substantial revision to the Constitution but certain special matters did arise in respect of which, amendments were deemed necessary. The most important of these were as follows:

1. It is deemed advisable to amend that portion of the Constitution dealing with the election of a District Deputy Grand Master, particularly where there were more than two candidates and Section 41 of the Constitution has been redrawn.
2. It was deemed necessary to amend Section 96 of the Constitution, dealing with the formation of a new Lodge, and this Section has also been redrawn.

Proper notice has been given of all proposed amendments and they will be considered at the proper time at the next Annual Communication to be held in the month of June next.

Your Committee wishes to extend its appreciation of the co-operation at all times received from the Office of the Grand Secretary, the other members of the Board and also from the Craft in general.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

K. R. KENNEDY,
Chairman.

MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

The following motion was moved by the Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113):

"That the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Twelfth Masonic Districts remain as they are for the present.

"That the Fifth Masonic District consist of the following Lodges: Prince of Wales No. 14, Corinthian No. 15, Birtle No. 39, Russell No. 62, Hamiota No. 84, Shoal Lake No. 92, Binscarth No. 101, Miniota No. 102, Strathclair No. 106, Rivers No. 115, Harmony No. 142, Foxwarren No. 152, Newdale No. 159 and Woodworth No. 166.

"That the Seventh Masonic District consist of the following Lodges: Brandon No. 19, Lebanon No. 43, Oak Lake No. 44, Composite No. 64, Elkhorn No. 74, Lansdowne No. 107, Tweed No. 113, Fenwick No. 158, and Wheat City No. 168."

This motion was seconded by R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24) and carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. J.R.C. Evans (113) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7) and carried.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Having given deliberate thought to the informing, stimulating and inspiring address given by our Grand Master, we heartily commend it to you for your most careful consideration. In it you will find a splendid account of stewardship, a detailed recording of Masonic events, and a fund of information regarding the condition of Freemasonry in Manitoba.

We commend our Grand Master for his brief but significant reference to the Universality of Masonry in his warm welcome given particularly to guests from other Jurisdictions, and we join with him in his grateful appreciation of the efforts contributed so freely by so many in making the Masonic year such a success. In this we are keenly aware of the fact that the Masonic programme completed by our Grand Master this year was

a Herculean task, and gladly we extend to him not merely superficial praise but also genuine thoughts of gratitude for what he has been able to accomplish.

With pleasure we concur with our Grand Master in expressing appreciation of the splendid Masonic relationships with other Grand Jurisdictions, and we are happy indeed that our Grand Lodge was represented so well at so many Grand Lodge Communications. This in itself speaks well of the Spirit of Goodwill that prompts our Masonic fellowship and gives us cause for gratitude that such a spirit exists.

We note with significant interest the reference made to the One Hundredth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) and with wholesome pride we relate ourselves to Masonry as it was practised in Canada a century ago.

We support our Grand Master in his favorable pronouncement upon the value of our District Meetings and stress with him the relative importance of the Meeting of District Deputies held on the morning following the close of our Grand Lodge Communication. Our Grand Master does well to emphasize the importance of the role played by our District Deputy Grand Masters, and we heartily concur in stressing the desirability of providing within each lodge and district, ample opportunity for the development of District Deputy material. This we believe to be of great importance.

We are pleased that in the current year our Grand Master had the privilege of directing the Institution Ceremonies for two new lodges—Wheat City at Brandon and Three Pillars at St. Vital, and that the thoughts expressed in connection with the same, gave us ample opportunity to see more clearly our responsibility to increase the strength of the Craft and to improve the quality of Masonic living.

Our Grand Master's comments regarding the discussions at the Banff Conference are definitely appreciated, and we agree with him that this Conference should be regarded by us all as one of outstanding value.

Our Grand Master has expressed his concern over the relatively poor attendance at lodge meetings, and in this I am sure we all join with him. The problem, however, is how to effect a change. It would seem that it is not so much a matter of using attractive devices to make it easier for the brethren to attend lodge, as much as it is a matter of making it more difficult for them to stay away, because of a cultivated interest and desire to attend.

There seems to be plenty of evidence in support of our Grand Master's comment on the general lack of knowledge regarding the "function and operation of Grand Lodge" and we humbly admit that it would be well if we all would take more time to become familiar with the Annual Proceedings. Possibly this matter might be considered by our Committee on Masonic Research and Education, with a view to having some concrete suggestions placed before us.

We believe that the matter of "joint installation" referred to by our Grand Master, is of real importance and recommend that it be given careful study.

We are glad that our Grand Master was able to give himself so generously in the interest of our Craft this year; we are grateful for his leadership and we deeply appreciate the manner in which his co-operative efforts were directed.

We are happy in the thought, too, that he is held in such esteem by the brethren throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, and with pleasure we will ever remember him as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba during the Masonic year 1955-1956.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. C. EVANS,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. F. C. Davey (93) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein (141) and carried.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report beg to submit the following:

The statistical part of the report is quite interesting. It shows a net increase in membership of 286 as compared with a net increase of 371 in 1954. This slight decrease seems to indicate that the influx of new members has begun to taper off and we cannot hope to have as many Initiates in the future. However, demits and suspensions have also decreased. It is regrettable that 21 Lodges had no Initiations, and 15 Lodges conferred no degrees at all during the year, but on the whole, there is a steady growth from year to year, and we may expect this to continue. This growth is further demonstrated by the Institution of two new lodges during the year, Wheat City Lodge in Brandon and Three Pillars Lodge in St. Vital.

One is impressed by the happy and co-operative relations that exist between the Grand Secretary and the Constituent Lodge Secretaries. Lodge Secretaries are the mainspring and power behind the scenes which enables our Order to live and grow.

How fortunate we are to have a Grand Secretary who recognizes this and is doing all in his power to use this force in the most efficient manner. To this end regular meetings of Lodge Secretaries have been convened by the Grand Secretary, where problems and policies are freely discussed.

Also, a three-ring binder has been prepared containing directives, and instructions for the use of the Secretaries. This has proven very helpful.

Your Committee notes with pride that our Grand Secretary accompanied the Grand Master on fifty-six occasions during the year, acquainting the membership all over the West and even the U.S.A. of the work of Grand Lodge and its Committees.

Your Committee, after considering this excellent report given by the Grand Secretary, wishes to express to him and his Office staff its thanks

and appreciation on behalf of members of this Grand Jurisdiction for work well done during the year just closed.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK C. DAVEY,
Chairman.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. Bro. C. M. Pollock, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota brought greetings and expressed his pleasure for the reception he had received.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR JEWELS

Upon the request of the M.W. Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies presented the following brethren in the Grand East, there to receive their Fifty-Year Jewels:

W.Bro. William Charles Soole, Stonewall Lodge No. 12.
W.Bro. William Villers Udal, Doric Lodge No. 36.
Bro. Isaac B. Carnes, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
W.Bro. Joseph S. Miller, Fort Garry Lodge. No. 130.
Bro. George Thompson, Meridian Lodge No. 140.

These Jewels were presented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett and in doing so he said he was delighted to recognize the long service these brethren had given to Freemasonry.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 69:

It was moved by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), seconded by W. Bro. W. S. Marley (121) and carried:

That Section 69 be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "*Every motion involving an expenditure from the General Fund shall be referred to the Committee on Finance for a report before being discussed.*"

Section 69 would then read as follows:

"The Board shall have control of all property, belonging to Grand Lodge. The Board shall have the power to repair, improve, sell, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, lease, exchange or otherwise deal with any of the property of Grand Lodge on terms that the Board may consider suitable, and may delegate such power and control to a Committee appointed by it. The

Board shall prescribe the mode in which payments shall be made out of the funds of Grand Lodge, and shall have power to authorize any expenditures it may deem necessary for the administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge. Every motion involving an expenditure from the General Fund shall be referred to the Committee on Finance for a report before being discussed."

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 91

It was moved by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) and carried:

That Section 91 be amended by inserting under the words "Grand Tyler" and immediately above the words "These jewels shall be of gold or gilt," where they appear on page 51, the following:
BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES: "A Jewel to be a replica of the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, suspended on a garter blue ribbon from a bar bearing the words, 'Board of General Purposes'."

NOTICE OF MOTION

Section 96

It was moved by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), seconded by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4) and carried:

That Section 96 be repealed and the following substituted therefor: "A petition for a Dispensation from seven or more Master Masons to the Grand Master shall be required for the formation of a lodge. The form of petition shall be prescribed by the Board and furnished by the Grand Secretary. The petition shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Standing of each Petitioner. Each petitioner shall be a member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction unless there is no other lodge in the city, town, village or municipality at which the meetings of the proposed lodge will be held, and in such case a Demit may be substituted for a Certificate of Standing of any Petitioner."

NOTICE OF MOTION

Regulation 14

It was moved by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), seconded by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) and carried:

That the Regulations adopted by Grand Lodge be amended by adding thereto as Regulation No. 14, the following:

"That any brother who has received the title of 'Right Worshipful' by reason of his election to the Board of General Purposes may use the title 'B.G.P.' when signing a lodge register as an abbreviation for 'Board of General Purposes'."

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3) read the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the augmentation of the Benevolent Endowment Fund, which was presented to the Board of General Purposes at their meeting on May 4th, 1956, as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE THE AUGMENTATION OF THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

In compliance with the request of the Grand Master, wherein he appointed the Committee on Benevolence to report on a plan to augment the moneys of the Benevolent Endowment Fund, this Committee begs to report as follows:

As the Committee on Benevolence pointed out in their report for 1955, the revenues accruing to the Beneficiary Fund from investments of the Benevolent Endowment Fund fell short of the amount required to meet all payments on grants by approximately $2,000.00 but we were fortunate in having a surplus in the Beneficiary Fund (accumulated over a number of years) to meet this difference. This same situation applies to 1956. Your Committee strongly recommends that action be taken and a Province-wide campaign be organized to make an appeal not only to each and every constituent lodge, but to the membership at large and that the sum of $165,000.00 be raised and placed to the credit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund.

This Committee strongly recommends that an urgent appeal be made at once. This appeal should point out the responsibility not only of the Constituent Lodge but of the individual members of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction for they have a direct liability in the matter of Benevolence. They should further realize that the main source of all Masonic Funds respecting Benevolence is the individual member, consequently in order to build for the future, we of today must follow the example of the brethren of yesterday, and make our contribution for the Freemasons of tomorrow. Your Committee is of the opinion that too much literature cannot be furnished each and every lodge in this most important matter and have appended hereto a summary showing the earnings and expenditures with respect to the Benevolent Endowment and Beneficiary Funds.

Benevolent Endowment Fund—	
Earnings by donation and Life Memberships	$1,179.83
Beneficiary Fund—Earnings	$12,363.04
Expenditures	$14,613.45

M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1) reported that this Committee wished to go on record to Grand Lodge so some action may be started to increase the Benevolent Endowment Fund to $500,000.00. He therefore presented the following motion:

"That the incoming Grand Master refer this matter back to the Committee on Benevolence or otherwise appoint a special committee to investigate further, and report back to the 1957 Communication of Grand Lodge with a definite plan as to how best the moneys may be raised."

This motion was seconded by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was then adjourned at 5.10 p.m. to reconvene at 8.00 o'clock in the evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7th, 1956

Evening Session

The M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters entered the Grand Lodge Room in procession the brethren singing the processional Hymn, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell."

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett, called the brethren from Refreshment to Labor at 8.00 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The following report was presented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) and carried.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials begs to report as follows:

There are 115 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register. 103 Lodges are represented by one or more of their three Principal Officers. 12 Lodges are unrepresented, namely:

Birtle No. 39	Mound No. 118
Oak Lake No. 44	Victory No. 128
Shoal Lake No. 92	McCreary No. 133
Robbie Burns No. 100	Harmony No. 142
Binscarth No. 101	Pine Falls No. 154
Miniota No. 102	Manitouwapa No. 156

112 Lodges have one or more Past Masters present, and 3 have neither Past Master nor Officers present, namely:
Robbie Burns No. 100 Miniota No. 102 Harmony No. 142

Past Masters	420	
Worshipful Masters	90	
Senior Wardens	61	
Junior Wardens	52	
Registered:	—	623
Master Masons		66
Visitors		30
TOTAL		719

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER C. McDONALD,
Acting Chairman.

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1	1	6	9
2	Lisgar	1	1	1	5	8
3	Ancient Landmark	1	1	1	6	9
4	St. John's	1	1	..	13	15
6	Emerson	1	1	1	4	7
7	Assiniboine	1	1	1	8	11
8	King Solomon	1	1	1	3	6
10	Northern Light	1	1	..	13	15
11	Gladstone	1	1	1	6	9
12	Stonewall	1	..	1	10	12
13	Morden	1	1	..	..	2
14	Prince of Wales	..	1	1	..	2
15	Corinthian	1	..	..	1	2
19	Brandon	1	1	1	3	6
21	Marquette	1	1	1	1	4
24	Neepawa	1	..	..	2	3
25	Ionic	..	1	1	12	14
27	Glenwood	1	1	..	2	4
29	Carberry	1	..	1	4	6
30	Manitou	1	..	..	2	3
36	Doric	1	1	..	2	4
39	Birtle	..	..	..	2	2
40	Deloraine	1	1	1	1	4
43	Lebanon	1	1	..	..	2
44	Oak Lake	..	..	..	2	2
48	Glenboro	1	1	..	2	4
49	Temple	1	..	1	4	6
50	Killarney	1	1	..	2	4
51	Treherne	1	..	1	9	11
52	Hartney	1	..	1	2	4
54	Oriental	1	..	..	3	4
55	East Star	..	1	1	4	6
62	Russell	1	..	..	1	2
63	Holland	1	1	1	3	6
64	Composite	..	..	..	5	5
67	Wawanesa	1	1	..	4	6
68	Vermillion	1	..	1	1	3
70	Shiloh	1	..	1	6	8
71	Crystal	1	..	1	2	4
74	Elkhorn	..	1	..	..	1
75	Gothic	1	1	..	5	7
77	Napinka	1	..	..	2	3
82	Cypress	1	..	1	3	5
84	Hamiota	..	..	1	1	2
86	Elgin	..	1	1	3	5
87	Rathwell	..	1	..	5	6
90	Midlothian	1	1	..	3	5
92	Shoal Lake	..	..	..	2	2
93	King Edward	1	1	..	6	8
94	Hiram	1	1	..	1	3
100	Robbie Burns	..	..	..	..	..
101	Binscarth	..	..	..	1	1
102	Miniota	..	..	..	..	..
103	Crescent	1	1	1	3	6
104	Reston	1	1	1	3	6
105	Prince Arthur	1	..	..	1	2
106	Strathclair	1	..	..	2	3
107	Lansdowne	1	..	..	1	2
108	Union	1	1	..	3	5

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
109	Swan Lake	1	1	1	3	6
110	Kilwinning	1	..	..	..	1
111	Acacia	1	1	..	9	11
112	Ophir	1	1	..	3	5
113	Tweed	1	..	..	8	9
114	"The Assiniboine"	1	1	..	4	6
115	Rivers	1	1	..	1	3
116	St. Andrew's	1	..	1	3	5
117	Strathcona	1	..	1	4	6
118	Mound	..	..	..	1	1
119	Norwood	1	..	..	5	6
120	Penza	1	1	1	1	4
121	St. James	1	1	1	13	16
122	Roblin	1	..	..	1	2
123	Transcona	1	1	..	5	7
124	The Pas	1	..	..	..	1
125	Patricia	1	..	..	7	8
126	Favel	1	..	..	1	2
127	Empire	1	1	..	7	9
128	Victory	..	..	..	3	3
130	Fort Garry	1	..	1	12	14
131	Kildonan	1	..	1	8	10
132	Sprague	1	..	1	1	3
133	McCreary	..	..	..	1	1
134	Stony Mountain	1	1	..	6	8
136	Capitol	1	1	1	9	12
137	Lord Selkirk	1	..	1	4	6
138	Windsor	1	1	1	8	11
139	Beaver	1	1	1	6	9
140	Meridian	1	1	..	8	10
141	Tuscan	1	1	1	9	12
142	Harmony	..	..	..	..	..
143	Mount Sinai	1	1	1	16	19
144	Fort Osborne	1	1	1	4	7
145	Sturgeon Creek	..	1	..	2	3
146	Fidelity	1	..	1	8	10
147	Jubilee	1	..	..	1	2
148	Seven Oaks	1	1	..	6	8
150	Cartwright	1	..	..	1	2
151	The Dormer	1	1	..	6	8
152	Foxwarren	1	1	1	..	3
153	Flin Flon	1	1	..	..	2
154	Pine Falls	..	..	..	1	1
155	Carman	1	1	1	3	6
156	Manitouwapa	..	..	..	3	3
157	Rice Lake	1	..	..	1	2
158	Fenwick	1	1	1	1	4
159	Newdale	..	1	..	2	3
160	Starbuck	..	..	1	1	2
161	Fort Prince of Wales	..	..	1	..	1
162	Ashlar	1	1	1	4	7
163	Charleswood	1	..	..	1	2
164	Harry Woods	..	..	1	2	3
165	Friendship	1	..	1	3	5
166	Woodworth	1	1	1	..	3
167	Menorah	1	1	..	2	4
	TOTALS	90	61	52	420	623

CONGRATULATIONS

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113) asked if the Grand Master would be good enough to call R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), Past Grand Treasurer to the Grand East, and he also requested the Grand Master himself to stand with R.W. Bro. White.

M.W. Bro. Donovan then informed the brethren that on the previous day M.W. Bro. Emmett, our Grand Master and Mrs. Emmett had celebrated their Thirty-third Wedding Anniversary and that today marked the Forty-fifth Wedding Anniversary of R.W. Bro. and Mrs. White.

This announcement was received with great applause and the M.W. Grand Master stated he would exercise his authority and prerogative and requested R.W. Bro. White to respond for both of them. The thanks for this unexpected recognition was very appropriately conveyed by R.W. Bro. White.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren:

I am very sensible, brethren, of the great honor which this Grand Jurisdiction has conferred upon me in electing me its Grand Chaplain. For that I thank you! It has been a matter of regret that my private avocation has made it impossible to participate in the activities of Grand Lodge as fully as I would have liked.

An ancient Hebrew standing between the two great pillars before the entrance to King Solomon's Temple and looking out across the courtyard would have found his attention captured by two objects: the altar and the bronze Sea. Both were massive things. The altar measured thirty feet square and fifteen feet high. The bronze Sea was a great bowl, three inches thick, fifteen feet in diameter, and seven and one half feet high. Being composed of molten bronze it weighed some twenty-five tons. "It was cast on the plains of the Jordan, in the clay grounds between Succoth and Zeredatha. The superintendent of the building was Hiram Abif," who was "filled with wisdom and understanding and skill, to work all works in bronze." The brim of this brazen Sea was wrought "like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a

lily." The Sea itself stood upon the backs of twelve bronze oxen which were arranged in threes, each triad facing one of the cardinal points of the compass.

The author of the Book of Chronicles relates that the Sea was a reservoir of water to be used in various ritual ablutions. But the question might be asked, "Why was it termed the Sea?" The Jewish historian of the first century A.D., Josephus, indicated that it was so-called "from its largeness." It has been suggested, however, that the Sea has a symbolic meaning. It apparently had a cosmic significance.

The ancient Israelite believed the sky to be a dome-like structure or "firmament" which closed the earth off "from the waters which were above the firmament." The earth itself was supported above the "waters which were under the firmament" by pillars, actually the bases of mountains, which were sunk in this all-embracing cosmic Sea. The earth, as it were, was an island surrounded by an infinite ocean.

From this cosmic Sea the rains came. The Almighty opened the windows of heaven allowing some of the water above the firmament to descend upon the earth beneath. This Sea too was the source of the river and of the well—of all supplies of fresh water. But it was also the source of salt water and of flood. These two aspects of the cosmic Sea can be well illustrated from the early chapters of the Volume of the Sacred Law.

In Genesis 2-3 we have the old Israelite view of the creation of the world and all that is therein. In the grey dawn of creation all was waste and desert. No life existed. There was no man to till the ground. Then wells sprang up out the earth and watered it. God formed man out of the dust of the ground. Trees and bushes nosed their way out of the earth. Animals were created. Water was the source of fertility and life. It was a benign and beneficent power.

On the other hand, in Genesis 1 all was desolation and waste. The Sea, the Deep, prevailed. Darkness was everywhere. The spirit of God hovered over the waters of chaos. The Most High "made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament." From the latter He brought forth the dry land. Then in their turn plants, heavenly bodies, beasts, and man were created. Water was a dangerous element. It was the abyss which, if it could gain the upper hand, would engulf and destroy life as is made

abundantly clear in the story of the Flood. The ocean of chaos could destroy man. God alone could overcome it. "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light."

Let us pursue this second idea further. All cosmic sources of water were conceived in mythopoeic thought to be dragons. The struggle of the Great Architect of the Universe against the waters of chaos is upon occasion depicted as a battle against a dragon, called in the Volume of the Sacred Law by such names as Rahab and Leviathan. The Most High engaged this monster in mortal combat and came forth triumphant. As the great prophet of the Exile declared: "Thou didst split Rahab and didst pierce the dragon and didst make the dry land." Or as the Psalmist sang:

> Thou dost rule the raging of the sea;
> when its waves rise, Thou stillest them.
> Thou didst crush Rahab like a carcass,
> Thou didst scatter Thy enemies with Thy mighty arm.
> The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine;
> the world and all that is in it, Thou hast founded them.

It was God who established boundaries for the lawless sea, thus saving the earth from the chaos which would result from untamed and uncontrolled waters.

On the assurance that God was the vanquisher of the primeval ocean rested the Most High's kingship and Israel's hope.

> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
> The Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
> May the Lord give strength to his people!
> May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Because of the kingship of God, the Hebrews, in a dry and arid land, were certain that the seasonal rains would come and that prosperity and peace would be the lot of the people of God. Fertility in family, field, and flock resulted from the Most High's ability to destroy those demonic forces of existence manifested in the cosmic Sea.

The prophet Jeremiah, looking out upon the sin and injustice which flourished at the beginning of the sixth century B.C., was persuaded that the cosmos established by God at the beginning of history would be displaced by chaos. The world would return again to formlessness and waste. Rahab and Leviathan would again be resplendent in triumph.

"I beheld the earth, and lo it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light . . . I beheld, and lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heaven were fled . . . For thus hath the Lord said, 'The whole land shall be desolate'." The evil-doing, the moral irresponsibility, and the sin of man can effect within the universe the same devastation as the chaos of waters. Sin and the cosmic Sea stand always in the same relationship to God—subservient but rebellious, conquered but never finally overcome in life as we know it. But it is God alone who can control them and who ultimately will destroy them.

As the ancient Hebrew gazed upon the bronze Sea in the Temple courtyard his mind was centered upon His God. He was aware that the Most High was a living God Who had given man rivers and wells, the prime prerequisites of any settled life, and Who had sent the winter and spring rains upon which Israel depended for its agricultural life. In His infinite mercy the Almighty had provided the rod and staff of life: water and bread. But as the ancient continued to look upon that Sea he was reminded that creation was always threatened by chaos. The watery abyss could quickly sweep away the wonders of man's hands, and but for the kingship of God the cosmic Sea would burst its boundaries engulfing man again in primeval chaos. The world was totally dependent upon its Creator. Were it not for His power meaning and order would be washed away. God had overcome, but not completely destroyed, the demonic forces of the world which always remained to threaten the life of man. Indeed the very judgment of God upon human sin could be a return to the world of chaos. God was the establisher and maintainer of order and of creation. These existed because He acted to preserve them.

Surely to a Craft rooted in the faith evidenced in the Volume of the Sacred Law and oriented in its ritual toward Solomon's Temple this bronze Sea must speak a message. It reminds us that the Supreme Being, to Whom we give our first allegience, is the Creator of the world in which we live. It is He who provides the basic necessities of life. In a world that has grown fat, indolent, and self-centered amid unprecedented luxury, we need to be reminded that this is God's world. Comfort has a disastrous way of dulling conscience and causing us to forget, surrounded by gadgets, that we are beholden to God's mercy for all we enjoy.

The bronze Sea should further remind us, brethren, that while this is God's world the cosmic Sea still presses in upon

us. The first chapter of Genesis indicates that the primeval ocean was not destroyed, it surrounded the earth. And so it is with all of us. The demonic powers are on every side pressing in upon us. Goodness and order are eternally threatened by the forces of chaos. As it is the Creator's power which keeps the Sea within its bounds, so it is in humble dependence upon the Most High that we must strive with all our vigor "to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with *our* God."

Our life, however, is not life without hope. The Bible begins with the darkness hanging over the cosmic Sea. It ends with the declaration that the Sea shall be no more. Those who acknowledge the kingship of God are persuaded that in the titanic struggle between good and evil, light and darkness, life and death, the victory will belong not to the demonic powers of the world but to the Lord of Hosts. This is no reasoned argument. It is a commitment of faith. Yet this commitment lies at the very heart of our order. How otherwise could we assert with any meaning, any sincerity, and any hope, "The Lord of Life will enable us to trample the king of terrors beneath our feet and lift our eyes to the bright morning star whose rising gives peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race?"

Applause greeted the conclusion of this Address and the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, thanked the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe, for his inspiring message.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, brought greetings and expressed his thanks for the warm and hearty welcome he had received.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTIONS

The following report was presented by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70) and who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. A. Longbottom (112) and carried.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the election of Officers and eight members of the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER, the name of J. Ferguson Irwin was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, the name of David Rothstein was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, the name of William Albert Prugh was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, the name of Wesley D. G. Runions was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER, the name of John Paterson Mowat was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, the name of Thomas C. Jackson was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN, the name of Charles Robert Newcombe was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN, the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, the name of B. Stuart Parker was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN, the name of Harry B. Donnelly was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES for a two-year term, twenty-two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

A. D. Adamson	E. M. Finkleman	H. S. Perdue
H. Bookhalter	G. V. Henderson	A. J. Sawatzky
R. W. Campbell	C. B. Howden	C. J. Scott
A. E. Dagg	C. S. Landon	R. G. Turnbull
S. H. Dayton	E. B. Litz	B. R. Webb
W. W. Downie	M. E. MacKinnon	F. S. Westwood
A. E. Duff	W. J. McGregor	Thos. Wilson
	H. M. Mayhew	

The number of ballots cast was 606 of which 604 were valid (2 spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 68. The following named brethren received the necessary quota or an equivalent to elect;

1. R. W. Campbell
2. A. E. Duff
3. C. S. Landon
4. E. B. Litz
5. W. J. McGregor
6. H. S. Perdue
7. A. J. Sawatzky
8. B. R. Webb

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the following brethren were elected District Deputy Grand Masters at their District Meetings, as indicated. Their election has been confirmed by the Grand Master elect.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, Emerson J. Heaney
SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, George Robert Hay
THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, John George Wiechman
FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Harold Ready
FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Thomas Edson Doran
SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT, James Hilton Turner
SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Philip Hammonds
EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Colin Campbell Thomson
NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT, William C. Caley
TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Wallace Ronald Munroe
TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Percy T. Houston

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WALTER C. McDONALD,
Acting Chairman.

M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, Grand Master, then declared the Officers of Grand Lodge and the members of the Board of General Purposes to be duly elected.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

The following resolutions of thanks were moved by R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb (25), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) and carried.

To R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat, W. Bro. M. G. McKenzie and Pipe-Major Bro. John Reay for their co-operation in performing the colorful Flag Ceremony.

To the management and staff of the Fort Garry Hotel for their courteous and kindly services.

To all those who have helped to make this Communication a success.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and M.W. Bro. G. C. Hulett, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota brought greetings of good will and expressed thanks for the cordial reception they had received.

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett asked M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), Grand Installing Master to assume the gavel.

With the assistance of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) for part of the Ceremony, and the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) for the balance. M.W. Bro. Donovan then installed the Grand Lodge Officers in their respective Stations and the newly-elected members of the Board of General Purposes into office.

At the conclusion of this very impressive Ceremony, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121) moved a very sincere vote of thanks to the Grand Installing Officer, M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan and his assistants for the very able manner in which this Ceremony had been performed. This Motion was seconded by R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor (111) and carried.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, a Grand Master's Apron was presented to M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24), Grand Master, by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, who wished him a happy and successful year. In acknowledging the presentation, the newly-installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Irwin said under the guidance of the Most High, he would do his utmost for the trust given to him.

M.W. Bro. Emmett was then asked to rise and he received from the Grand Master his Past Grand Master's Jewel, a gift from the Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Emmett thanked the brethren for this gift and said he would wear it with a great deal of pride, representing as it did, an honor from the Freemasons of Manitoba.

R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), newly-elected and installed Junior Grand Warden, speaking on behalf of the Elected Officers, thanked the brethren for their election and, on behalf of the newly-appointed Officers, said he was quite sure they were deeply grateful for their appointment.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

The District Deputy Grand Masters for the Masonic Year 1955-1956 were then asked to approach the Grand

East and they received from M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, their Past Rank Certificates. In making this presentation M.W. Bro. Emmett thanked them most sincerely for the support given him during his year of Office.

The newly-elected and appointed Officers were then called to the Grand East where they received from the hands of M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, their Grand Master, the Certificates of their Office for the ensuing year.

CLOSING

The closing hymn "Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah" was sung by the brethren.

The business of this Eighty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons having been completed, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51), Grand Chaplain, led the brethren in prayer and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin at 10.30 p.m.

Thos. J. Jackson

Grand Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

The following form of Bequest may be used by any Brother desiring to bequeath any sum for the benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of Grand Lodge:

"I, give unto my Executor or Executors the sum of ..... ($.....) upon trust to pay the same to the Grand Secretary for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, for the purposes and benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the said Grand Lodge, and I declare that the receipt for such sum of the said Grand Secretary shall be an absolute discharge for such payment.

.....Signed."

The Lodge Secretary will bring this to the attention of the brethren either at the Lodge Meeting or in the Monthly Notice.

BEQUESTS MADE TO THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, A.F. & A.M.

To date, the following bequests made by members of the Craft have been received by the Benevolent Endowment Fund:

1952—Estate of the late Bro. Alex. Moad.....	$ 45.00
1952—Estate of the late W.Bro. Andrew Brown....	$18,751.63
1953—Estate of the late W.Bro. Andrew Brown....	729.17
1953—Estate of the late Bro. Wm. Boyd.....	500.00
	$20,025.80

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

Brethren are reminded of the facilities offered by the Grand Lodge Library for increasing their Masonic Knowledge. Travelling sets of books, specially arranged for the use of country Lodges, are available, and individual country members can have books posted to them.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Grand Librarian, Masonic Temple, Winnipeg 2, Manitoba.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1956-1957

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24)	Neepawa
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)	Brandon
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130)	Winnipeg
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51)	St. Vital
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G.D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)	St. Vital
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. W. K. Clyde (24)	Neepawa
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. D. J. Lawson (92)	Shoal Lake
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. W. H. Bowler (30)	Manitou
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. J. Donogh (107)	Terence
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. J. A. Mitchell (126)	Swan River
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. G. W. Rattray (165)	Fort Garry
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. I. L. Carlson (115)	Winnipeg

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1st Masonic District	R.W. Bro. E. J. Heaney (165)	Winnipeg
2nd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. R. Hay (75)	Austin
3rd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman (51)	Treherne
4th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. Ready (36)	Boissevain
5th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. T. E. Doran (39)	Birtle
6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. J. H. Turner (27)	Carroll
7th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. P. Hammonds (113)	Brandon
8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. C. C. Thomson (6)	Emerson
9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. C. Caley (68)	Dauphin
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. R. Munroe (148)	West Kildonan
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. P. T. Houston (138)	St. Vital

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141), Deputy Grand Master ..... Winnipeg

VICE-PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113), Senior Grand Warden ..... Brandon

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. E. T. Greenway (71), Past Grand Master ..... Crystal City
M.W. Bro. A. J. Hatcher (19), Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing (51), Past Grand Master ..... Treherne
M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin (10), Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90), Past Grand Master ..... St. Norbert
M.W. Bro. R. Hawkins (68), Past Grand Master ..... Dauphin
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25), Past Grand Master ..... Winnipeg

M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert (1), Past Grand Master.....Calgary
M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (21), Past Grand Master.....Portage la Prairie
M.W. Bro. S. Burland (12), Past Grand Master.....St. Vital
M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (158), Past Grand Master.....Brandon
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), Past Grand Master.....St. Vital
M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), Past Grand Master.....Roland
M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1), Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), Past Grand Master.....Portage la Prairie
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27), Past Grand Master.....Souris
M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141), Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans (113), Past Grand Master.....Brandon
M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), Immediate Past Grand Master..St. James
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), Junior Grand Warden.....Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), Grand Treasurer.....Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3), Grand Secretary.....Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51), Grand Chaplain.....St. Vital
R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), G.D. of Ceremonies.....Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. H. W. Gill (N.D.), Hon. P.G.M.....California
M.W. Bro. C. C. Colton (Minn.), Hon. P.G.M.....Duluth
M.W. Bro. R. W. Stanford (Minn.), Hon. P.G.M.....Willmar
M.W. Bro. W. P. Sturtz (Minn.), Hon. P.G.M.....Albert Lea
M.W. Bro. W. F. Holman (Minn.), Hon. P.G.M.....California
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M.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (Alta.), Hon. P.G.M.....High Prairie
M.W. Bro. L. H. Colson (Minn.), Hon. P.G.M.....Wadena
M.W. Bro. C. M. Pollock (N.D.), Hon. P.G.M.....Fargo
M.W. Bro. J. A. Stormon (N.D.), Hon. P.G.M.....Rolla
M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate (Sask.), Hon. P.G.M.....Regina
M.W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop (Can. in Ont.), Hon. P.G.M.....Toronto
M.W. Bro. H.S. Pond (N.D.), Hon. P.G.M.....Fargo
M.W. Bro. C. L. Jacobson (Minn.), Hon. P.G.M.....Minneapolis
M.W. Bro. E. J. Franta (N.D.), Hon. P.G.M.....Langdon
M.W. Bro. G. W. Christie (Minn.), Hon. P.G.M.....Red Lake Falls
M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate (Sask.), Hon. D.G.M.....Regina
M.W. Bro. E. W. Johnson (Minn.), Hon. P.G.M.....St. Paul
M.W. Bro. L. E. Matson (Minn.), Hon. P.G.M.....Minneapolis
M.W. Bro. G. C. Hulett (N.D.), Hon. P.G.M.....Valley City
M.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (Alta.), Hon. P.G.M.....Innisfail
M.W. Bro. Hugh Reid (Virginia), Hon. P.G.M.....Arlington
M.W. Bro. W. L. Hillyer (Minn.), Hon. P.G.M.....Winona
R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4), Honorary Member (1955).....Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter (111), Honorary Member (1955).....Winnipeg
RW. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), Honorary Member (1936).....Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143), Honorary Member (1947).....Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr (158), Honorary Member (1945).....Brandon
R.W. Bro. E. J. Heaney (165), D.D.G.M. 1st Masonic District..Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. G. R. Hay (75), D.D.G.M. 2nd Masonic District.....Austin
R.W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman (51), D.D.G.M.
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10th Masonic District.....West Kildonan
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ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1955

For a Two-Year Term

R.W. Bro. J. Norquay (2) ..... East Kildonan
R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald (4) ..... Fort Garry
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4) ..... East Kildonan
R.W. Bro. W. Dalzell (7) ..... Portage la Prairie
R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor (111) ..... Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Geo. Lardner (139) ..... Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein (141) ..... Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. F. R. Willmott (158) ..... Douglas

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1956

For a Two-Year Term

R.W. Bro. C. S. Landon (4) ..... Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8) ..... Morris
R.W. Bro. R. W. Campbell (10) ..... Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor (11) ..... Gladstone
R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb (25) ..... Fort Garry
R.W. Bro. E. B. Litz (87) ..... Rathwell
R.W. Bro. H. S. Perdue (113) ..... Brandon
R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff (130) ..... Winnipeg

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R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker

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R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein
R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein
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R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor
R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb
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M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly

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R.W. Bro. H. S. Perdue, Chairman
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RW. Bro. G. Lardner — R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor

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R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter — R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh

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R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat

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M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald — R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat

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M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe — M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray
R.W. Bro. W. P. White

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M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett — R.W. Bro. H. S. Perdue
R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff — R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein
R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy — R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary are, ex Officio, members of all Committees.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District for 1955-56.

Following the close of the Annual Communication, the First Masonic District Meeting was held at which time the minutes were read for the previous year. W. Bro. D. H. MacKay, Acacia No. 111, was elected as Treasurer, W. Bro. G. W. Rattray, Friendship No. 165, accepted the appointment as Secretary, and W. Bro. E. Craven, Norwood No. 119, as Chaplain. To these several Brethren I extend warm expressions of appreciation for the untiring support they have given me at all times, during my term of office.

The official visits were as follows:

1955	Tues. Sept. 6th	"The Assiniboine" No. 114
	Wed. Sept. 14th	St. James No. 121
	Wed. Oct. 5th	St. John's No. 4
	Thurs. Oct. 13th	Norwood No. 119
	Mon. Oct. 17th	Ancient Landmark No. 3
	Mon. Nov. 14th	Empire No. 127
	Wed. Nov. 16th	King Edward No. 93
1956	Tues Jan 3rd	Ashlar No. 162
	Wed. Jan. 11th	Acacia No. 111
	Tues. Jan. 17th	Prince Rupert's No. 1
	Thurs. Feb. 2nd	Friendship No. 165
	Mon. Feb. 6th	Ionic No. 25
	Thurs. Feb. 16th	Northern Light No. 10

On each and every one of these official visits, I was received in Ample Form, and given a sincere and hearty welcome on your behalf. Also, I am most happy to report that the conventional toast to the Grand Master, given during the refreshment hour, was in every instance, proposed with sincerity and responded to with warm expressions of loyalty and devotion.

In composing my addresses to the various lodges, I endeavored to the utmost of my ability to strengthen the bond with Grand Lodge. To this end I urged the study of Grand Lodge Proceedings, The Banff Papers, and particularly your own splendid contribution, "Work that can be done in Lodges." I also stressed the need for good lodge management and a general overhauling of Sick visiting committees and Investigating committees. As your representative, I considered it my duty to deal with these and other problems with which the lodges are faced and to suggest solutions. I expressed the opinion that the present method of dealing with petitions for Initiations was unsatisfactory. My criticisms in this connection were well received, and it is apparent that definite action towards inprovement could be expected in the near future. I would also stress the fact that degree work plays too large a part in the activities of all the lodges. The Masters and Wardens show a desire to cope with this problem, but they admit that under present conditions, they have little or no expectations of dealing with it successfully.

We had two very fine meetings with Masters, Wardens and Secretaries in June 1955 and April 1956, respectively. Frank and open discussion took place covering a wide variety of subjects.

The District Meeting took place at the Masonic Temple, Tuesday, November 29, 1955, preceded by a dinner at 6 p.m. with an attendance of 187. R.W. Bro. Frank Davey (93) introduced the Grand Master, who was received in Ample Form. Consolidated Lodge reports were presented by District Secretary, W. Bro. Wilson Rattray (165). Past Grand Master John R. C. Evans presented regalia and jewel of a P.D.D.G.M. to R.W. Bro. Alex Slessor, who acknowledged the same in well chosen words. At this point, we had a very fine question and answer period by R.W. Bro. David Rothstein (141) which was very well received. Highlight of the evening was the Grand Master's Address "Veiled in Allegory, Illustrated by Symbols." The election followed—there were five nominations. W. Bros. Angus (3), Craven (119), Heaney (165), Hopper (1) and Paulley (127). Balloting was held from 5.30 to 5.55 and 7.30 to 7.55. Ballots were counted. W. Bro. E. J. Heaney (165), having the majority, was declared elected, subject to confirmation by the Grand Master. Our thanks are expressed to R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters (25), J. C. Grant (3) and C. A. Midwinter (111) for acting as scrutineers. The Chaplain invoked a blessing and the meeting closed in Peace and Harmony.

Divine Service for the District was held at Holy Trinity Church April 22, 1956 with a very fine attendance. I was deeply honored by having the Grand Master present and other Grand Lodge Officers. It was an unforgettable experience and privilege to read the lesson in this noble and venerable church.

I deeply regret my inability to attend the Grand Master on more of his country visitations. However, it was a great experience going to Roland for the Eighth Masonic District Meeting—November 3, 1955. It was a source of great inspiration to me to accompany you on the following official visits to City Lodges—Twelfth Masonic District: "The Assiniboine" (114), Canadian Night, St. James (121), The Dormer (151), Mount Sinai (143), "The Assiniboine" (114), Menorah (167), Meridian (140), St. John's (4), Ancient Landmark (3); Grand Lodge Divine Service at Crescent Ft. Rouge United Church, Twelfth Masonic District Divine Service, Windsor (138), and the Institution of Three Pillars Lodge U.D.

On the lighter side of the ledger I am most happy to report attending with my wife, the following exceptionally fine Ladies' Nights: King Edward (93), Prince Rupert's (1), Ashlar (162), Ionic (25), Ancient Landmark (3), Friendship (165), Acacia (111) and Northern Light (10). I also attended the annual "At Home" of Norwood Lodge (119) held New Year's Day 1956. At all these affairs there was every evidence of a very fine effort being made to carry out the Masonic idea of "being happy ourselves and communicating that happiness to others."

After my official visits were completed, I made the rounds of all lodges for the purpose of witnessing degree work. It is my considered opinion that traditionally high standards of work are being maintained throughout the District, and in no case did I have to offer any serious criticism. Peace and Harmony, good management, and sound finance seem to prevail. It is very saddening to see the deterioration of R.W. Bro. Ned Boyle's health in the last few months. I wish to record my deep appreciation of his efforts on my behalf and on behalf of the District as a whole.

In conclusion, I wish to express my deep and abiding appreciation to all the Brethren of this District who contributed so unstintingly to making my term so pleasant. To you, Most Worshipful Sir, I say a hearty "thank you" for all your kindness which began with your confirmation of my election. I would be remiss in my report if I did not record my thanks to

M.W. Bro. Jackson and his staff for their many kindnesses; also M.W. Bro. Donnelly for his kindly offer of assistance. It is my sincere hope that I am able to give the same measure of support to my successor as I received from that splendid Mason, R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor.

Fraternally submitted,

B. R. WEBB,
D.D.G.M. First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

As the close of my term of office as your representative for the Second Masonic District is approaching, I wish to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in this territory for the year 1955-56.

My first act in this capacity was to attend Divine Service at Carberry Lodge No. 29, and St. Andrew's No. 116, both of which were well attended by members and visitors, I then appointed W. Bro. C. P. Rogers as District Chaplain and Bro. Colin Barlow as District Secretary, both of whom have ably and faithfully fulfilled their duties.

Following this I proceeded to call a meeting of the Past Masters, Masters, Wardens and Secretaries which was held July 4th. However, owing to conflicting duties, only five lodges were represented. We proceeded to lay plans for our District Meeting, and as the lodges present had a good representation, we had a very profitable meeting.

The District Meeting was held in Carberry on Friday, October 28, with a registration of 215 brethren. The Masters of all lodges in the District were in attendance, which I thought to be an exceptionally good representation.

I would like to take this opportunity of tendering to you, Most Worshipful Sir, and your Suite, the thanks and appreciation of the District, for your participation in our program. We felt that your most inspiring and interesting Address was the highlight of our meeting. It has been the topic of many complimentary remarks at all my meetings since then, and has, I feel sure, left us many gems of Masonry to ponder and remember.

The Addresses of your officers, R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, Deputy Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary and R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, Junior Grand Warden, also added greatly to the enjoyment of the meeting.

An enlightening "Question and Answer" period was conducted by R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, Senior Grand Warden.

W. Bro. George Hay was declared elected District Deputy Grand Master for the next term, subject to your approval.

M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans presented the Past District Deputy Grand Master's Apron to R.W. Bro. J. A. Davidson I.P.D.D.G.M. in his usual able manner, to which Bro. Davidson fittingly replied.

A tribute to the "Fraternal Dead" was paid by R.W. Bro. H. A. Lye in a most impressive manner.

During the months of October and November I visited officially all the lodges in the District. Some of these I have revisited, and am pleased to be able to report to you that all lodges are in admirable condition financially that the officers have been proficient in their duties, that the harmony and interest within the lodges are of a high standard, and that I have concluded that Masonry in the Second Masonic District is being practised within and without the lodge room.

Since taking office, I have attended all the Meetings of the Board of General Purposes, also I attended the 75th Anniversary of Gladstone Lodge No. 11, it being the second oldest lodge in the District. At this meeting R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor gave a resume of the history of Gladstone Lodge since its Institution. I also attended the District Meeting at Elgin; the Institution of Wheat City Lodge U.D. at Brandon, your official visits at MacGregor and Brandon, the Area Meeting at Minnedosa and the Annual Grand Lodge Church Service held in Winnipeg at which you so ably read the Scripture lesson. We have at this date a District Church Service planned to be held at Carberry on May 27th with Carberry Lodge No. 29 acting host to the District.

I would like to record here my sincere thanks to the Second Masonic District for honoring me by my election as your District Deputy Grand Master, and to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, my sincere thanks for confirming this election, and for your assistance throughout the term, I deem it a great honor to have had the privilege of serving you in this capacity. A special word of thanks to M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly for his assistance and guidance in selecting materials and to Bro. Colin Barlow my able Secretary, who so faithfully attended me on all my official visits.

In closing I wish to say that this year has been one of pleasure to me and, I hope, some small benefit to the District. It is with reluctance that I see the end of my term approaching. My wish is that my successor will be the recipient of the same devotion and support that I have known.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. J. WITHERSPOON.
D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I beg to submit a report of my activities as District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District.

My first act was to appoint W. Bro. R. I. Connon as District Secretary. I then called a meeting of the Principal Officers and any P.D.D.G.M.'s, and Past Masters of the District, who cared to attend. At that meeting we made all arrangements for the District Meeting, and Bro. Rev. M. G. Pippy, of Swan Lake Lodge No. 109, was selected as District Chaplain and W. Bro. J. A. Gardiner as Treasurer.

I have visited all the lodges in the District at least twice, some of them several times. My official visits and dates are as follows:

Strathcona Lodge No. 117	July 26th, 1955
Rathwell Lodge No. 87	Oct. 4th, 1955
Crescent Lodge No. 103	Oct. 5th, 1955
Holland Lodge No. 63	Oct. 12th, 1955
Wawanesa Lodge No. 67	Oct. 17th, 1955
Treherne Lodge No. 51	Oct. 28th, 1955
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	Nov. 8th, 1955
Cypress Lodge No. 82	Nov. 28th, 1955
Starbuck Lodge No. 160	Dec. 15th, 1955
Swan Lake Lodge No. 109	May 7th, 1956

I may say that I had to postpone my Official Visits to Starbuck No. 160 and Swan Lake No. 109, from their November meetings, owing to blocked roads. Swan Lake, in particular, was very badly affected from the standpoint of weather this past winter.

At all the meetings I attended until December, I stressed the importance of electing and appointing the best possible men to govern their lodges, and I also stressed the duties of the Worshipful Master. If there were any candidates, I addressed a few remarks to them according to the Degree they were taking.

I also had the pleasure, Most Worshipful Grand Master, of attending the meetings of the 6th, 7th and 8th Masonic Districts as well as several of your Official Visits to other Lodges, including the Instituting of Wheat City Lodge at Brandon, your Official Visits to Strathcona Lodge No. 117, and the four Brandon Lodges; the 50th Anniversary at Crescent Lodge No. 103 and then the Area Meeting at Roland. I am only sorry that I could not see my way to be with you more often, as I gained much knowledge, many friends and pleasures at all of them.

I have called a meeting of the District Committee of General Purposes to be held at Cypress River on Friday, May 11th at 8.30 p.m., at which time any problem affecting any of the lodges in the District may be discussed. Arrangements for a District Divine Service will be made for May 27th, if possible.

I have tried so far in this report to give you an idea of my own activities, and have stayed clear of any attempt to comment on any of the meetings I have attended, as these can be found in the minutes and forms set aside for that purpose. I may say, however, that all the lodges in this District are doing as well as can be expected.

I would like at this time, to thank the Members of this District for electing me to this high office, and you, Most Worshipful Sir, for confirming that election. I would also like to thank W. Bro. R. I. Connon, the District Secretary, for accompanying me on all my official visits, and most of my other visits, W. Bro. J. G. Weichman, D.D.G.M. elect, and all other brethren who have in any way assisted me.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I hope I have been of some assistance to you, and to the Brethren of the Third Masonic District, and if so, I have been well rewarded.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

G. A. TAGGART,
D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report of activities as your representative in the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1955-1956.

I hesitated to accept the nomination for the Office of District Deputy Grand Master when I was approached in this regard by the Brethren of Cartwright Lodge No. 150, because I realized my inability and lack of Masonic knowledge which I felt was essentially necessary to fill this very important Office.

I have personally had a wonderful year, and have many happy memories of associations and friendships derived from serving as your representative in the Fourth Masonic District.

My first official duty was to call a meeting on July 28 of the Principal Officers and Secretaries of the District. The lodges were all well represented at this meeting with the exception of Mound Lodge No. 118, this was due to an oversight on my part, in calling the meeting for the same evening as their regular meeting. We had a very interesting and informal discussion, pertaining to Freemasonry in general, and a goodly number of suggestions were brought forward regarding the forthcoming District Meeting.

The Brethren present enjoyed the meeting, and personally I was well pleased, for it afforded me an opportunity to meet the Officers of the lodges that I had not met previously. The meeting concluded with lunch and a pleasant time spent around the festive board.

I officially visited all lodges in the District in October, together with our District Secretary, Bro. T. B. Poole. I was officially received by the Masters of all lodges in the District and a very courteous and warm welcome was extended to my suite on all visits. I would, at this period of my report, like to thank the Brethren who accompanied me on all visits, some of the Brethren were present on most of my visits and their support was very much appreciated.

I regret very much that I was not able to visit all the lodges again unofficially as I had hoped, this was impossible due to the uncertain weather and road conditions.

The work of the Officers in the large majority of lodges is commendable, in others there is room for improvement. They are all conscientious but have difficulty committing the work to memory.

On each of my official visits to the lodges I gave a short talk regarding the need of further education, stressing my belief that the period immediately following the Master Mason's Degree should be the beginning or at least the continuation of instruction of Masonic knowledge, rather than the end which is too often the case in many of our lodges today. Using for illustrations various symbols, lectures, etc., taken from our ritualistic work, these talks met with the approval of the Brethren of the various lodges.

Many of them expressed themselves as being in full agreement, realizing their own lack of knowledge.

The Fourth Masonic District Meeting was held in Cartwright High School Auditorium on Nov. 4th, 1955, with an attendance of eighty-two, not large but a fair representation from all the lodges of the District. Officers attending from Grand Lodge of Manitoba were M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, Deputy Grand Master and R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, Senior Grand Warden.

The District Meeting proved to be very instructive and interesting. The Address of the Grand Secretary was very instructive. The question and answer period was very capably handled by R.W. Bro. Rothstein. The afternoon session was adjourned at 5 p.m. and a banquet was held in the Legion Hall.

The evening session was opened at 7.30 p.m. at which time the Grand Master and his suite were officially received. The highlight of the evening session was the Address of the M.W. Grand Master which was very much appreciated by all those present.

On the whole the District Meeting was very successful due in no small degree to the Brethren of Cartwright Lodge who acted on the various committees. To these Brethren let me say, "Thank you for your assistance."

On Oct. 27 I attended an International Night at Crystal City with four lodges being combined hosts to our American Brethren. The lodges were Morden No. 13, Manitou No. 30, Crystal No. 71 and Mound No. 118. I had the distinct privilege of being asked to welcome our American visitors. This International Night has become an annual affair and does a great deal in promoting fraternal good fellowship. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening and the opportunity of hearing M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans give his Address as the guest speaker. A banquet was served by Louise Chapter No. 41, O.E.S.

In general Freemasonry is thriving and in a healthy condition throughout the entire Fourth Masonic District. Several of the lodges have had a steady growth of new members while others have had no candidates and are making good use of their time for study and instruction. All lodges are in good financial condition. Harmony and good fellowship prevail and in general the Fourth Masonic District can look back over a year of successful fraternal growth.

In closing I would like to express again my appreciation to the Brethren of the Fourth Masonic District for the honor which they have bestowed on my be electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master; to you, M.W. Grand Master, my sincere thanks for your confirmation of this election; to Bro. T. B. Poole, District Secretary, I would like to express my appreciation for his valuable assistance. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to me to have served in this capacity in my humble way. I sincerely hope that I may have contributed some benefit to the Craft and Freemasonry in general throughout the Fourth Masonic District in return for the many benefits it has given me the privilege to enjoy.

Fraternally yours,

G. S. FULFORD.
D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report of activities as your representative in the Fifth Masonic District for the 1955-56 term.

The Rev. Bro. Munroe of Corinthian Lodge No. 15, Rapid City, was appointed District Chaplain and R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton of Newdale No. 159, District Secretary.

The District Meeting was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Rapid City, November the 16th. Owing to extremely heavy snow and poor roads only some 55 members were present.

The only Grand Lodge Officer present was M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett our Grand Master.

Although the attendance was small a good interest was shown in the question period and considerable information was given the Brethren present.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.10 p.m. and after a banquet in the Legion Hall was reconvened at 8.00 p.m. After a summary of the afternoon session M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett presented R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton I.P.D.D.G.M. with the regalia of a Past District Deputy Grand Master and thanked him for the splendid manner in which he had fulfilled his duties as D.D.G.M.

Results of the balloting showed W.Bro. T. E. Doran of Birtle Lodge No. 39 elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District for the 1956-57 term.

M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett was then called upon and gave a very inspiring Address.

The official visits of the District were made as follows:

Harmony No. 142	Oct. 20th, 1955
Russell No. 62	Nov. 8th, 1955
Binscarth No. 101	Dec. 19th, 1955
Rivers No. 115	Dec. 27th, 1955
Corinthian No. 15	Jan. 3rd, 1956
Foxwarren No. 152	Jan. 4th, 1956
Birtle No. 39	Jan. 9th, 1956
Shoal Lake No. 92	Jan. 12th, 1956
Strathclair No. 106	Jan. 17th, 1956
Hamiota No. 84	Jan. 24th, 1956
Miniota No. 102	Jan. 26th, 1956
Newdale No. 159	Feb. 2nd, 1956
Prince of Wales No. 14	Feb. 11th, 1956

I regret owing to road and weather conditions I was unable to make a second visit to all the lodges in the District.

During my year of office there were four Divine Services held in the District, three of which I was able to attend.

I held two meetings of the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of the District.

A meeting was held in support of the Inter-Lodge speaker-program in the Shoal Lake Lodge room. This Meeting was Addressed by M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans and all present derived great benefit from the thoughts expressed by him.

It was my privilege to be present at the opening of the new Masonic Temple at Rivers which is a great credit to the Brethren of Rivers Lodge, and the District.

On my official visit to Binscarth Lodge No. 101 I was privileged to witness the presentation of a 50-year Jewel to W. Bro. Norman Braendle, he being one of their oldest and most active members.

On April 25th an Area Meeting was held at Minnedosa at which there was a very good attendance and all present thought it very interesting and informative.

Our Inter-Lodge speaking program, which was introduced by R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton last year, seems to be making good progress and certainly adds much to the interest of our meetings.

Most of the lodges in the Fifth Masonic District have added "consideration of our next meeting" as a distinct Order of Business and have found this beneficial in maintaining activity.

I think that Freemasonry in the Fifth Masonic District is progressing very well and all the brethren seem anxious to work for the welfare of the Craft.

I regret that I was unable to accomplish more during my term to repay the brethren for the honor conferred upon me in allowing me to represent our M.W. Grand Master in this District.

And finally, to every brother in this District I extend my sincere thanks for their help and support, and to you Most Worshipful Sir, my thanks for the honor of being permitted to serve you in this District.

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. THOMPSON,
D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

Prior to the expiration of my term of office as your representative, I respectfully submit for your consideration and approval, my report on the condition of Freemasonry and the activities within the area of the Sixth Masonic District.

May I first express my appreciation to the members of the Sixth Masonic District for their confidence in me by electing me to represent you for the year 1955-56, and to you Most Worshipful Sir for confirming my election to that high office.

Immediately after I returned from being installed as your representative I appointed W. Bro. W. L. Fox as District Secretary, Bro. Rev. O. J. Spencer as Chaplain, R,W. Bro. A. E. Draper as Director of Ceremonies, and R. W. Bro. J. G. Cobb I.P.D.D.G.M. as Officers during my term of office.

In July I called a meeting of all Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, and all Past Masters at Elgin, for the purpose of discussing the welfare of our District, our District Meeting, and to give all principal officers an opportunity to get better acquainted, which may encourage more visiting. This being the first meeting of its kind held in this District, it seemed to meet with the approval of those present, and it is hoped it will be continued in the future.

My official visits were as follows:

Hartney Lodge No. 52	Oct. 4th, 1955
Napinka Lodge No. 77	Oct. 5th, 1955
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	Oct. 10th, 1955
Reston Lodge No. 104	Oct. 13th, 1955
Deloraine Lodge No. 40	Oct. 19th, 1955
Oriental Lodge No. 54	Oct. 25th, 1955
Glenwood Lodge No. 27	Oct. 28th, 1955
Elgin Lodge No. 86	Jan. 10th, 1956

On each of my official visits I was properly received and cordially welcomed. I found the work of the Officers satisfactory and was surprised to see so many of the offices filled with young Masons. I believe this District is in a healthy condition and that harmony prevails throughout.

Our District Meeting was held October 18th at Elgin. The total attendance was 129 members and visitors. A full slate of Grand Lodge Officers were present: M.W. Grand Master, Im. Past Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and the Grand Secretary, besides three D.D.G.M.'s from surrounding Districts. The Secretary of each lodge gave a report of their activities. M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson gave an outline on some of the activities pertaining to the Grand Lodge Office. R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein led a question and answer period in a very capable manner. A banquet was held in the crypt of St. John's church. W. Bro. J. Hilton Turner was elected D.D.G.M. for the coming year subject to the approval of the Grand Master. M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans presented R.W. Bro. J. G. Cobb with a collar and apron and thanked him for the service rendered. The highlight of the evening for all present was your Address M.W. Grand Master.

There are eight lodges in this District and I prepared four Addresses. Judging from the attention given and kind remarks after, I feel they were appreciated. There was a good attendance at all my official visits. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Brethren who accompanied me on my official visits, I certainly appreciated it.

I found the average attendance of members in all the lodges in this District had not improved very much. It still figures out to about 50% of the resident members. I tried to encourage more activities be given to younger members and more organization to create more visiting throughout the District.

I would like to mention my District Officers for the splendid way they assisted me, especially W. Bro. Fox, District Secretary. They fulfilled their duties in an excellent manner.

In conclusion may I again express my sincere thanks to you Most Worshipful Sir for the honor and privilege it has been to serve as your representative. It will be one of the outstanding highlights of my life in Freemasonry, the feeling of brotherly love and good will, besides the vast number of friends I have made. For the guidance and instruction I have received from you Most Worshipful Sir, for the selection of Masonic material and personal help from M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly Grand Librarian, and to M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson and staff my sincere thanks. No District Deputy Grand Master could hope for more support, encouraging words and friendly help, than I have received from the Brethren of the Sixth Masonic District which leaves me only to wish for my successor the same devotion and support as I have known.

Fraternally and sincerely submitted,

T. ALEX REID,
D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I beg to submit herewith my report for the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1955-56.

First of all, I would like to express my pleasure at the privilege of working as one of your District Deputies during this year, and to thank the Brethren of the Seventh Masonic District for affording me that privilege. It has indeed been a wonderful Masonic experience, Most Worshipful Sir. I have enjoyed from yourself, the staff of the Grand Lodge Office, and from the Masters, Officers and Brethren of the constituent lodges, and from the District Deputies and members of the Board of General Purposes with whom I associated from time to time, nothing but the most cordial and fraternal relationships, and the remembrance of this year in office will be one of my most cherished.

I would like also to mention the particular assistance in my work I have been give by W. Bro. T. G. Olive, District Secretary, and W. Bro. W. R. Donogh, District Chaplain.

An organization meeting of Masters, Wardens and Secretaries was held in the Masonic Hall at Oak Lake on August 31, 1955, at which plans were laid for the District Meeting to be held on October 27, also at Oak Lake. At the August meeting there was a very good attendance. I was able to give the Secretaries a tentative list of my official visits.

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Town Hall at Oak Lake on October 27, attendance as per register being 99. All lodges in the District were represented, and a number of visitors were present. Reports were submitted by the Secretaries of lodges. The afternoon session was particularly noteworthy for the Address of R.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, Deputy

Grand Master, and outstanding on the evening program were the presentation of regalia to my predecessor in office, R.W. Bro. F. C. Courtice, by M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans, Im. Past Grand Master, and of course, your own Address, Most Worshipful Sir. Between afternoon and evening sessions, the ladies of Oakwood Chapter, O.E.S., served a sumptuous banquet in the basement of the United Church. The management are to be thanked, and were, for their kind cooperation in loaning these premises for the occasion.

An important item of business was the election of theD.D.G.M. for the year 1956-57. Two names were submitted in nomination, W. Bro. E. M. Brown and W. Bro. P. Hammond, and by election, W. Bro. P. Hammond was named D.D.G.M. for the year 1956-57, subject to confirmation by the incoming Grand Master.

During the year I was able to visit each lodge in the District officially. On these visits I had every courtesy shown me and my suite, by Officers and Brethren, and I attempted to emphasize in a short talk some aspect of Freemasonry. Before the Communication of Grand Lodge on June 6 and 7, I hope to have visited each lodge a second time. Here I would like to thank those faithful members of my own lodge, Oak Lake, No. 44, who accompanied me on my visits, and who were always ready and willing to help combat the forces of nature, which, this past winter, we all know, were sometimes formidable. There were also a goodly number of visiting Brethren from other lodges who gave me their support by their presence.

Before leaving this aspect of my work, I must welcome Wheat City Lodge U.D., which was Instituted during my term of office. The Officers and Brethren of this newly-formed lodge are most enthusiastic, and imbued with the true spirit of Freemasonry. My warmest personal wishes for their success as a lodge are extended to them.

An important event for the whole District is the District Divine Service which has been arranged by W. Bro. W. R. Donogh, District Chaplain, for May 20, in the United Church at Oak Lake. This present report is due in the Grand Secretary's office on May 15th, and therefore no report of the Divine Service can be included. However I feel by the interest shown, that this will be an outstanding event of the year.

I may add, Most Worshipful Sir, before concluding, that I have greatly enjoyed that part of a District Deputy's work as a member of the Board of General Purposes. I have been able to attend all meetings, and it has been a really appreciated privilege to have this opportunity of becoming acquainted with the "inner working" in an administrative sense, of our Institution.

My impression of Freemasonry in the Seventh Masonic District is that those Brethren who are in more or less regular attendance at their lodge meetings, are men who, while enjoying their own fraternal associations in the Craft, are also making Freemasonry an influence for good outside. But there is a condition of non-attendance which plagues us all, and I hope that the efforts of all lovers of the Craft will be directed to the task of bringing back the brother who has drifted away. Freemasonry in the Seventh Masonic District, Most Worshipful Sir, is a definite influence for general and public good.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BELL,
D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, a report of my activities as your representative for the year 1955-56.

W. Bro. C. L. Cameron, Shiloh Lodge No. 70, was appointed Secretary, Rev. Bro. D. L. Holtzman, Patricia Lodge, No. 125 Chaplain and R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover, Shiloh 70, Treasurer.

On June 26, 1955 an informal meeting of the principal officers and secretaries was held in the Masonic Temple, Roland, six lodges being represented. At this meeting matters affecting the District were discussed and arrangements made for our Annual District Meeting. As a result of this meeting on July 6, a complete list of all official visits and the date of the District Meeting were mailed to all lodges in the District.

Below is a list of my official visits.

1955	August 3rd, Wednesday	Sprague No. 132
	August 9th, Tuesday	King Solomon No. 8
	August 18th, Thursday	Emerson No. 6
	September 6th, Tuesday	East Star No. 55
	September 19th, Monday	Midlothian No. 90
	September 27th, Tuesday	Penza No. 120
	October 5th, Wednesday	Patricia No. 125
	October 13th, Thursday	Shiloh No. 70
	October 18th, Tuesday	Carman No. 155

On all these visits I was accompanied by W. Bro. C. L. Cameron, Secretary, and a goodly number of the Brethren. On each of these visits I was received in due form and accorded a warm reception befitting your high Office.

The officers in every lodge seem to know their work quite well and the Opening and Closing of the lodge is done according to the prescribed ritual, and where degree work was witnessed it was performed in a very creditable manner.

On each official visit I endeavoured to answer the questions of the Brethren, as well as give a short talk on some Masonic subject.

On Sunday, July 10 with a number of Brethren and their families I attended the Nineteenth Annual Masonic Outdoor tiled meeting and picnic at Walhalla, N.D., and after the tiled meeting on Lookout Point was duly opened by the Officers of Penza Lodge No. 120, it was my privilege to introduce to the meeting your personal representative M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Librarian and also R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, Junior Grand Warden.

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Roland, on Thursday, Nov. 3 with an excellent attendance of 112 Brethren.

At the afternoon meeting M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary, delivered an Address on the activities and aims of the various committees of the Board of General Purposes.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, King Solomon Lodge No. 8, then gave a very fine talk, stressing the further need for Masonic education and stated that much material was now available for the further enlightenment of the Brethren.

There being only one name submitted in nomination for the Office of D.D.G.M. for the term 1956-57, that of W. Bro. C. C. Thomson, Emerson Lodge No. 6, he was elected by acclamation, subject to the confirmation of the incoming Grand Master.

The question and answer period, conducted by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, Senior Grand Warden, was very instructive and most popular with the Brethren.

At. 5.45 p.m. the lodge was called from labor to refreshment, when all the Brethren were invited to attend a banquet in the basement of Roland United Church, prepared by the ladies of the Roland Womens' Institute. A very enjoyable hour was spent, and several eloquent toasts and responses concluded this part of the program.

Labor was resumed at 8.00 p.m. when you, M.W. Grand Master and a very large suite of Grand Lodge Officers were received with due ceremony.

In the midst of our busy communication, we paused to pay a loving tribute and to honor the memory of those of our Brethren, who since we last assembled have laid down the working tools of life and ascended to the Grand Lodge Above.

The highlight of the meeting was your inspiring Address, M.W. Bro. Emmett, and the topic chosen for this occasion was "The Language of the Heart."

It was my privilege to be with you on a few of your official visits, namely the Third Masonic District meeting at Cypress River, the Twelfth Masonic District Meeting at Winnipeg, the Fiftieth Anniversary of Crescent Lodge No. 103, Elm Creek and the Institution of Three Pillars Lodge, St. Vital. On all these visits I was extended the opportunity of replying on behalf of the visitors.

I was pleased to be in attendance Sunday April 15, 1956 at the Grand Lodge Divine Service, held in Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, Winnipeg, to hear the inspiring message delivered by R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe, our Grand Chaplain.

I attended all meetings of the Board of General Purposes, and am grateful for this opportunity of receiving a better understanding of the workings of our Grand Lodge.

On my return visits to the lodges I endeavored to give the Brethren a broader knowledge of our Constitution, our work in the lodge room, and our duties as Freemasons.

We were highly honored by your presence at King Solomon Lodge No. 8 on September 13, 1955 to present the 50 Year Jewel to R.W. Bro. Wm. Moore, and again on May 15th, 1956 at Carman Lodge No. 155 to present a similar jewel to W. Bro. Saunders.

An Area Meeting was held in Roland, Monday May 7, when a large representative group from the lodges invited, enjoyed a fine banquet in the basement of Roland United Church, sponsored by our Grand Lodge. Following the banquet the Brethren assembled in Roland Memorial Hall,

where the meeting was opened by the W. Master and Officers of Shiloh Lodge No. 70. These meetings are very popular, as they provide much information and instruction as well as providing a fine opportunity for the Brethren to become better acquainted with the Grand Lodge Officers. The Area Meeting was adjourned after a very fine Address given by you, Most Worshipful Sir.

With the cooperation of the District Chaplain, Rev. Bro. D. L. Holtzman, assisted by Rev. R. L. Schneider, Pastor of Roland United Church, arrangements have been made to hold a District Divine Service at Roland on Sunday May 27, 7.00 p.m.

The lodges of the Eighth Masonic District are, generally speaking in a very satisfactory and healthy condition. A steady increase in members has taken place for the past several years. The Masters and Officers of all lodges are seized with their responsibilities and are carrying out their duties to the best of their ability. The true spirit of Masonic Brotherhood appears to be deeply embedded among Brethren of the District.

Finally, to the Grand Lodge Officers for their help and guidance at all times, to the District Officers for their services during the past year, to the Brethren of the Eighth District for electing me to this high office and their closest cooperation in all matters, to V.W. Bro. A. Kelly, Junior Grand Steward, for the privilege of his company on so many of my visits, and to you M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett for confirming my election, and the great pleasure that association with a leader of the Craft has given me, I tender my sincere thanks and deep appreciation.

Fraternally submitted,

R. A. McKENZIE,
D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative in the Ninth Masonic District, I have the honor to submit my report for the year 1955-56.

The first business at hand was the appointment of a District Secretary and I appointed W. Bro. M. J. Dunnall. As District Chaplain I appointed R.W. Bro. Daniel Hawe, Sr.

The District Meeting, which was held in Benito on October 5, was well attended and was one of the first District Meetings to be held in the Grand Jurisdiction for the year 1955-56. Grand Lodge Officers in attendance were M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary and V.W. Bro. J. Wylie, S.G.M. Grand Lodge Officers were introduced by R.W. Bro. J. Livesy of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105. Total attendance at this meeting was 91.

My official visits to the lodges in the Ninth Masonic District were on the following dates:

Roblin Lodge No. 122	Sept. 12, 1955
Hiram Lodge No. 94	Sept. 15, 1955
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100	Oct. 12, 1955
Jubilee Lodge No. 147	Nov. 10, 1955
Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105	Dec. 1, 1955
Favel Lodge No. 126	Dec. 6, 1955
Vermillion Lodge No. 68	Mar. 6, 1956
Victory Lodge No. 128	Mar. 21, 1956

I have visited most of the lodges a second time unofficially, and on all my visits I received a very warm welcome from all the Brethren.

I was privileged to witness degree work in most of the lodges and I found that in all cases this work was very efficiently performed. Two outstanding events of the year were: (1) A picnic for Senior Citizens held on Sunday and sponsored by Prince Arthur and Jubilee Lodges, held at Madge Lake, and (2) a picnic for Senior Citizens sponsored by Favel Lodge, held at Wellman Lake on Sunday afternoon. These picnics included all Senior Citizens in the district who were able to attend, transportation and lunch being provided by the respective lodges. Church service was held during the afternoon.

During my term of office I was able to be present at four meetings of the Board of General Purposes in Winnipeg, from which I derived considerable benefit. Distance prevented me from accompanying the Grand Master on some of his other official visits.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you Most Worshipfu Grand Master, Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson and M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Librarian for their help and assistance during the year, and to especially thank all the Brethren of the Ninth Masonic District for their splendid co-operation during my year as representative of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett.

Fraternally submitted,

HAROLD E. STAPLES,
D.D.G.M. Ninth Masonic District

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Tenth Masonic District and on my activities during the past year.

I have accompanied the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, on the following occasions:

Oct. 11, 1955, Sixtieth Anniversary of Russell Lodge No. 62.

Oct. 19, 1955, Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Gladstone Lodge No. 11.

Sept. 18, 1955, Annual Divine Service at Harry Woods Lodge No. 164.

Apr. 15, 1956, Grand Lodge Divine Service at Crescent-Fort Rouge United Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

May 2, 1956. Official visit to Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134.

May 7, 1956, Area Meeting at Roland, Manitoba.

In addition to the above I attended a meeting on June 3, 1955 with the Grand Master and his Officers for the purpose of receiving instruction. On Sept. 16, 1955 I attended the meeting of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry. On March 16, and again on May 4, 1956, I attended the regular meetings of the Board of General Purposes.

My visits to the lodges of the Tenth Masonic District were made as indicated hereunder:

Friday, Sept. 9th, 1955	Pine Falls Lodge No. 154
Tuesday, Sept. 13th, 1955	Kildonan Lodge No. 131
Friday, Sept. 16th, 1955	Ophir Lodge No. 112
Tuesday, Sept. 27th, 1955	Harry Woods Lodge No. 164
Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 1955	The Dormer Lodge No. 151
Wednesday, Oct. 5th, 1955	Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134
Friday, Oct. 7th, 1955	Transcona Lodge No. 123
Thursday, Oct. 13th, 1955	Stonewall Lodge No. 12
Friday, Oct. 14th, 1955	Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148
Tuesday, Oct. 18th, 1955	Lisgar Lodge No. 2
Tuesday, Apr. 17th, 1956	Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156

I have been received on all my official visits in a warm, friendly and courteous manner and there is every indication that harmony and goodwill prevail in this District.

Special mention should be made of the new Masonic Temple now under construction by the Brethren of Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156. This is a stirring example of what can be done where harmony and unity exist.

Due to the difficulties in travelling during the past winter I have visited only four of the lodges on two occasions and it is with regret that I have been unable to visit the remaining lodges more often than I did.

I found that Degree work, in those lodges where I had the opportunity to witness it, was done with solemnity and dignity. I am sure that the the lodges where I did not witness Degree work could carry it out equally as well. In all instances the Opening and Closing of lodge has been carried out with accuracy and despatch.

Membership in the Tenth Masonic District shows an over all increase of thirty members, but during that same period, twenty-six of our worthy

Brethren have answered the summons to the Grand Lodge Above. We shall miss them, but honor their memory.

On my official visits, I have addressed the Brethren on Freemasonry generally but have emphasized the principles of morality and the promotion of harmony and interest in the affairs of the lodge.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Stony Mountain on Monday, Nov. 7, 1955 at which I presided. There being only one nomination for the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year, W. Bro. W. R. Munroe of Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148 was declared elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District for the year 1956-57, subject to the confirmation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Attendance at the District Meeting was not good, there being only seventy-two Brethren present, but this was due to the inclement weather and slippery and dangerous condition of the roads. Nevertheless, the meeting was a success.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to the Brethren of District for their cooperation during the year; to the members of Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134 for their unfailing support to me and especially to the District Chaplain, W. Bro. (Rev.) G. W. McNeill; the District Secretary, W. Bro. T. Hartley; R.W. Bro. W. H. French and R.W. Bro. J. S. Wilson, who accompanied me on all my official visits.

I am deeply grateful to you Most Worshipful Sir for having confirmed me in my office; to the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson and the staff in his office for their kind and willing assistance. I sincerely trust that I have merited the confidence that was placed in me.

Fraternally and sincerely submitted,

JAS. C. WISHART,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twelfth Masonic District.

I appointed W. Bro. P. T. Houston (138) as District Secretary and W. Bro. M. H. Acheson (146) as District Chaplain. These two together with W. Bro. S. C. Swanton (146) our perennial District Treasurer, constituted the District Officers, and served me well and faithfully throughout me term of office. To them I extend my warmest thanks.

My official visits were as follows:

Menorah Lodge No. 167	Wed., September 7th, 1955
Tuscan Lodge No. 141	Fri., September 9th, 1955
Charleswood Lodge No. 163	Mon., September 12th, 1955
Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143	Thur., September 22nd, 1955
Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145	Mon., October 3rd, 1955
Fidelity Lodge No. 146	Fri., October 7th, 1955
Fort Garry Lodge No. 130	Wed., October 12th, 1955
Meridian Lodge No. 140	Thur., October 20th, 1955
Capitol Lodge No. 136	Fri., November 4th, 1955
Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137	Wed., November 9th, 1955
Beaver Lodge No. 139	Thur., November 10th, 1955
Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144	Tue., January 3rd, 1956
Windsor Lodge No. 138	Mon., January 9th, 1956

On all occasions I was received most cordially and in a manner befitting a representative of the Grand Master. On most visits I was also accompanied by a goodly number of Masters and Wardens and their support was appreciated. On every visit I enjoyed the company of my predecessor R.W. Bro. Thomas Wilson, and his loyal support and friendly advice was something I shall always remember with gratitude.

Without exception I found the atmosphere of the lodges one of true brotherhood. There is evident a very genuine desire to live up to the tenets and principles of our great Fraternity and this leads one to hope our previous efforts to hold our members in Freemasonry, without losing them to outside organizations will begin to bear fruit.

I still feel more attention could be paid by all lodges to the proper screening of candidates for our mysteries and privileges. Admission into our ranks should be considered one of the greatest honors a man can receive, and as such, one not to be lightly bestowed. Some sponsors seem to have very little conception of their grave responsibility, and more education along these lines is indicated. The choice of members to serve on the Investigating Committee is one that merits more attention also, and the Worshipful Master should give this most important Committee top priority

All lodges in the district have been visited on more than one occasion, and the work of conferring the Degrees, with possibly a single exception was found to be uniformly high.

The lodges in this district are fortunate in the men occupying the Secretary's desk. It is with regret I have to record the passing of W. Bro. Frank Herbert who for so many years kept a fatherly eye on Beaver Lodge from his seat inthe S.E. corner.

Periodical luncheon meetings have been held with the Masters and Wardens and at one of these meetings we were privileged to hear M.W. Bro., Harry Coddington explain in a very lucid manner the workings of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.

Our annual District Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 31, 1956 in the Masonic Temple, Donald Street, Winnipeg. The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. before a capacity crowd. The M.W. the Grand Master

and his Suite were then introduced and received in customary fashion. Two nominations for the position of D.D.G.M. had been made i.e., W. Bro. Percy T. Houston (138) and W. Bro. Lorne C. Woods (140) and as a result of the ballot W. Bro. Percy T. Houston was declared elected District Deputy Grand Master, subject to the approval of the incoming Grand Grand Master. A lively discussion took place sparked by a forceful presentation by W. Bro. Oliver M. Day (130) on the subject of what steps could be taken to bolster lodge attendance. Several Brethren took part, and it was felt something concrete had been achieved. We were privileged to hear an inspiring address from the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett, an address which received and deserved warm commendation.

Our Annual Church Service was held on Sunday, May 6, 1956 at St. John's Cathedral. We were blessed with a glorious sunny day and the response of the Brethren was very gratifying. A block of 150 seats had been set aside for our use, and I am happy to report the attendance was such we overflowed into the side pews. It is estimated the total attendance was well over 200. I had the pleasure of reading the First Lesson and M.W. Bro. Robert E. Emmett kindly consented to read the Second Lesson. Bro. Very Rev. Dean Burton Thomas gave us a sermon none of us will forget, and our grateful thanks go to him for a memorable occasion.

During the last few weeks it has afforded Mrs. Cook and myself a great deal of pleasure to visit with some of the lodges at their Annual Ladies' Night dinners. These affairs are to be warmly commended, cementing as they do friendships formed in lodge and permitting the womenfolk to join with us in the lighter side of our activities.

At this time I should like to pay tribute to our Grand Secretary and his grand staff. M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson has been a friend in need and always I could rely on the same kindly and efficient co-operation from W. Bro. Gordon McKenzie and Miss Margaret Anderson. To all three my sincere thanks.

These last twelve months have been busy but rewarding ones. Rewarding because I found so much kindness; so much tolerance to my shortcomings I find myself saying a humble but sincere "Thank you everyone."

I hope I have contributed at least a little something to the betterment of our beloved Fraternity, and if I have, I shall feel amply repaid.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. W. COOK,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED

TO

THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF

SISTER

GRAND LODGES

1955

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

George Alexander Woodside

Northern Light Lodge, No. 10

Grand Chaplain, 1930-1931

Grand Librarian, 1949-1952

DIED

October 21st, 1955

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Thomas Reekie

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3
Swan Lake Lodge No. 109
District Deputy Grand Master, 1930

DIED
January 3rd, 1955

Albert H. Moffit

Emerson Lodge No. 6
District Deputy Grand Master, 1925

DIED
January 14th, 1955

Selkirk McKay MacDonald

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7
District Deputy Grand Master, 1924

DIED
March 3rd, 1955

John Warren Francis Bradley

Neepawa Lodge No. 24
District Deputy Grand Master, 1936

DIED
August 30th, 1955

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William J. Barclay

Glenwood Lodge No. 27
Grand Steward, 1905
District Deputy Grand Master, 1906

DIED
March 11th, 1955

Christian Wiechman

Treherne Lodge No. 51
District Deputy Grand Master, 1923

DIED
December 17th, 1955

Alexander J. Jamieson

Holland Lodge No. 63
District Deputy Grand Master, 1927

DIED
May 30th, 1955

John N. McFadden

Vermillion Lodge No. 68
District Deputy Grand Master 1934

DIED
April 1st, 1956

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

James Oswald Argue

Elgin Lodge No. 86
District Deputy Grand Master, 1926

DIED
March 5th, 1955

Archibald C. Campbell

King Edward Lodge No. 93
District Deputy Grand Master, 1932

DIED
February 14th, 1955

Albert John Box

Strathcona Lodge No. 117
District Deputy Grand Master, 1923

DIED
April 16th, 1955

John Alexander McVicar

Penza Lodge No. 120
District Deputy Grand Master, 1939

DIED
June 1st, 1955

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William George Bedman

Harmony Lodge No. 142
District Deputy Grand Master, 1929

DIED
April 16th, 1955

John George Louis L. Armit

Foxwarren Lodge No. 152
Senior Grand Deacon, 1924
District Deputy Grand Master, 1934

DIED
July 1st, 1955

William H. Shead

Lisgar Lodge No. 2
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134
Senior Grand Deacon, 1927

DIED
June 7th, 1955

John Cleveland Reece

Emerson Lodge No. 6
Junior Grand Deacon, 1936

DIED
June 22nd, 1955

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

George Robert Dewar

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7
Junior Grand Deacon, 1950

DIED
July 2nd, 1955

Charles Frederick Hasselfield

Deloraine Lodge No. 40
Grand Steward, 1910
Grand Registrar, 1916

DIED
September 7th, 1955

Percy Maynard Johnston

"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114
Junior Grand Steward, 1939

DIED
January 4th, 1955

Samuel Charles Taylor

Norwood Lodge No. 119
Grand Pursuivant, 1935

DIED
November 24th, 1955

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Charles James Nicholson

Kildonan Lodge No. 131
Grand Tyler, 1939

DIED
July 20th, 1955

John Bruce Day

The Dormer Lodge No. 151
Junior Grand Deacon, 1945

DIED
September 6th, 1955

IN MEMORY

OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Wilson, P. J.	Dec. 11, 1954	Prince Rupert's	1
Spear, J. E.	Jan. 12, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Robinson, H. E.	Jan. 18, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Illsey, W. J.	Jan. 26, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Buchan, Alex.	Apr. 11, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Whitehouse, E.	Apr. 24, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Henry, J. A.	Oct. 1, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Burns, D.	Oct. 8, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Gamble, R. A.	Oct. 23, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Thom, R.	Oct. 24, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Bracken, E. M.	no record	Lisgar	2
McEwen, Wm.	no record	Lisgar	2
Epps, M. R.	June 13, 1955	Lisgar	2
Hibbert, A.	Sep. 13, 1955	Lisgar	2
Sinclair, C. H.	Nov. 20, 1955	Lisgar	2
Grange, Wm.	Mar. 23, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Coulter, A.	Mar. 29, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Sumner, Guy	May 16, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Cross, G. F.	June 23, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
McKay, J. D.	July 7, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Warden, A. B.	Sep. 3, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Armstrong, J.	Oct. 3, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Dunlop, J.	Oct. 8, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Hutchins, E. L.	Oct. 9, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Smith, N. C.	Oct. 10, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
MacKenzie, A. L.	Oct. 28, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Colcleugh, M. C.	Nov. 17, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Hughes, G. H.	Nov. 30, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Campbell, A. D.	Dec. 4, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Burgess, W. C.	Dec. 13, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Boswell, J.	Jan. 7, 1955	St. John's	4
Page, F. R.	Jan. 10, 1955	St. John's	4
MacDonald, J. W. E.	Feb. 1, 1955	St. John's	4
Dudley, Wm. H.	Feb. 5, 1955	St. John's	4
Crawford, A. B.	Feb. 9, 1955	St. John's	4
Shipman, F. T.	Feb. 13, 1955	St. John's	4
Holburn, W. M.	Feb. 26, 1955	St. John's	4
Coton, H. D.	Apr. 1, 1955	St. John's	4
Lawrie, B. W.	May 19, 1955	St. John's	4

IN MEMORY

OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Williams, G. A.	May 27, 1955	St. John's	4
Merrett, J. S.	July 12, 1955	St. John's	4
Brown, J. F.	Aug. 3, 1955	St. John's	4
McCabe, J. M. S.	Sep. 22, 1955	St. John's	4
Yeates, A. H.	Sep. 30, 1955	St. John's	4
Smith, S. A.	Oct. 3, 1955	St. John's	4
Watson, Wm.	Nov. 3, 1955	St. John's	4
Rodger, D.	Nov. 4, 1955	St. John's	4
Holtorp, A. B.	Nov. 17, 1955	St. John's	4
Huggins, D. B.	Dec. 2, 1955	St. John's	4
Blair, Alex.	Apr. 19, 1955	Emerson	6
Nay, J.	Sep. 8, 1955	Emerson	6
Green, W. D.	Mar. 11, 1955	Assiniboine	7
Coutts, W. S.	Apr. 2, 1955	Assiniboine	7
Hill, A.	Apr. 4, 1955	Assiniboine	7
Wynne, A.	May 6, 1955	Assiniboine	7
Wheatley, L.	Aug. 26, 1955	Assiniboine	7
Davidson, D. S.	Sep. 12, 1955	Assiniboine	7
Bogart, R. I.	Mar. 28, 1955	King Solomon	8
Churchill, G.	Sep. 17, 1955	King Solomon	8
Farwell, G. M.	July 26, 1955	Northern Light	10
Lawrence, J. B.	Aug. 3, 1955	Northern Light	10
Radcliffe, Wm.	Nov. 5, 1955	Northern Light	10
McAskill, R.	Jan. 8, 1955	Gladstone	11
Langtry, C. A.	Sep. 20, 1955	Stonewall	12
Gall, J. R.	Nov. 24, 1955	Stonewall	12
Small, H. V.	Dec. 25, 1955	Stonewall	12
Gordon, M. W.	June 26, 1955	Morden	13
Latimer, F. M.	July 25, 1955	Morden	13
Giles, F. W.	Apr. 10, 1955	Corinthian	15
Brown, S. H.	Jan. 19, 1955	Brandon	19
MacKenzie, J. G.	Nov. 4, 1955	Brandon	19
Harper, A. J.	Feb. 1, 1955	Marquette	21
MacRae, J. G.	Jan. 12, 1955	Neepawa	24
Cleave, P.	May 3, 1955	Neepawa	24
Hilton, E. A.	Jan. 25, 1955	Ionic	25
McKechnie, A. S.	Apr. 4, 1955	Ionic	25
Williams, A. W.	May 23, 1955	Ionic	25
Pitman, W. B.	1946	Ionic	25

IN MEMORY

OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Wallace, S. J.	June 16, 1955	Ionic	25
Thurlbeck, W. J.	Aug. 21, 1955	Ionic	25
Truscott, H. J.	Aug. 25, 1955	Ionic	25
Innes, A. S.	Sep. 14, 1955	Ionic	25
Turner, R. V.	Sep. 14, 1955	Ionic	25
McCuaig, P. J. A.	Sep. 23, 1955	Ionic	25
Gustafson, C. J.	Oct. 23, 1955	Ionic	25
Morrow, J. E.	Oct. 29, 1955	Ionic	25
Rose, A.	Mar. 18, 1955	Glenwood	27
Clarke, J.	Mar. 28, 1955	Glenwood	27
Bell, W. R.	Apr. 19, 1955	Glenwood	27
Jones, T. W.	June 3, 1955	Glenwood	27
Foley, J. C.	July 14, 1955	Glenwood	27
Olmstead, W. C.	Apr. 5, 1955	Carberry	29
Armitage, D. B.	June 2, 1955	Manitou	30
McKinney, A. B.	May 26, 1955	Doric	36
Jackson, C. H.	July 20, 1955	Doric	36
Thompson, C.	Aug. 2, 1955	Doric	36
McCurdy, R. J.	Dec. 26, 1955	Doric	36
Fisher, E. G.	Jan. 1, 1955	Birtle	39
McDonald, W. L.	Nov. 12, 1955	Deloraine	40
Renton, W. B.	Dec. 8, 1955	Deloraine	40
Miller, A. C.	Nov. 20, 1956	Temple	49
Runner, O.	Mar. 3, 1955	Treherne	51
Knox, J.	Dec. 10, 1955	Treherne	51
Crowe, J. L.	Apr. 5, 1955	Hartney	52
Whitely, W. C.	Dec. 11, 1955	Oriental	54
Coblentz, I.	Mar. 12, 1955	East Star	55
Jeffries, J. J.	Feb. 17, 1955	Composite	64
Nichol, H. S.	May 9, 1955	Composite	64
Scott, J. J.	Oct. 31, 1955	Wawanesa	67
King, W. A.	May 19, 1955	Vermillion	68
Wyatt, H. J.	Feb. 28, 1955	Shiloh	70
Wagar, W. E.	Mar. 24, 1955	Shiloh	70
Jones, F. W.	Oct. 21, 1955	Shiloh	70
Crosby, W. J.	Nov. 10, 1955	Shiloh	70
Patterson, W. R.	Nov. 23, 1955	Shiloh	70
Macartney, J. A.	July 12, 1955	Crystal	71
Bajus, J.	June 10, 1955	Elkhorn	74

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Baskier, A. S.	June 30, 1955	Napinka	77
Swerdfeger, H. R.	Aug. 15, 1955	Napinka	77
Smith, F. A.	Nov. 26, 1955	Napinka	77
Eastcott, A. J.	May 18, 1955	Shoal Lake	92
Martin, R. A.	Dec. 3, 1955	Shoal Lake	92
Farmery, G. H.	Mar. 6, 1955	King Edward	93
Chapman, E. J.	Apr. 5, 1955	King Edward	93
Wardale, W. T.	Apr. 23, 1955	King Edward	93
Fortescue, H. G.	May 1953	King Edward	93
Mack, P. T.	Sep. 25, 1955	King Edward	93
Leeder, J. J.	Sep. 27, 1955	King Edward	93
Bergstrom, C. W.	Nov. 18, 1955	King Edward	93
Wrightson, B.	Nov. 25, 1955	King Edward	93
Challoner, T. L.	Feb. 15, 1955	Hiram	94
Johnston, W. J.	Oct. 1955	Hiram	94
Cormack, J.	Nov. 23, 1955	Hiram	94
Linn, H. A.	Dec. 24, 1955	Hiram	94
Johnson, O. G.	Dec. 22, 1955	Robbie Burns	100
Pearce, F. H.	May 27, 1955	Binscarth	101
Basler, W. C.	Dec. 4, 1955	Binscarth	101
Middleton, J.	May 10, 1955	Miniota	102
Lindsay, W.	Jan. 18, 1955	Miniota	102
Edward, G. F.	Mar. 16, 1955	Reston	104
Davis, A. T.	June 30, 1955	Reston	104
Wilson, M. R.	May 1, 1955	Strathclair	106
McKay, A.	Dec. 8, 1955	Strathclair	106
Barclay, W. M.	Feb. 11, 1955	Kilwinning	110
Connery, D.	Jan. 12, 1955	Acacia	111
Vint, G. S.	Apr. 21, 1955	Acacia	111
Tucker, C.	May 28, 1955	Acacia	111
Torbet, J. R.	Aug. 7, 1955	Acacia	111
Cooke, S. F.	Aug. 13, 1955	Acacia	111
Leeder, J. J.	Sep. 27, 1955	Ophir	112
Donnelly, E. J.	Feb. 23, 1955	Tweed	113
Lidster, W.	May 21, 1955	Tweed	113
Dorrett, S. G.	June 4, 1955	Tweed	113
Longworth, F. R.	Oct. 30, 1955	Tweed	113
Hicks, T. A.	Nov. 28, 1955	Tweed	113
Robertson, A.	Nov. 28, 1955	Tweed	113

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Stephen, G.	Feb. 1. 1955	"The Assiniboine"	114
Flynn, W. J.	Mar. 8, 1955	"The Assiniboine"	114
Knox, H. Y.	May 17, 1955	"The Assiniboine"	114
Lawrie, W.	Apr. 30, 1955	"The Assiniboine"	114
Graham, W. C.	July 31, 1955	"The Assiniboine"	114
Fraser, A. E.	Aug. 28, 1955	"The Assiniboine"	114
Heslip, J.	Oct. 27, 1955	"The Assiniboine"	114
McMillan, R. A.	Nov. 25, 1955	"The Assiniboine"	114
Whyte, S. H.	Nov. 30, 1955	"The Assiniboine"	114
Minty, W. F.	Dec. 29, 1955	"The Assiniboine"	114
Stevenson, W. F.	May 19, 1955	Strathcona	117
Kelly, M. G.	May 28, 1955	Strathcona	117
McLean, C. L.	Feb. 12, 1955	Mound	118
Nadin, G.	July 8, 1955	Mound	118
Baxter, J. H.	Mar. 29, 1955	Norwood	119
Thompson, J. L.	Aug. 10, 1955	Norwood	119
Robertson, W.	Nov. 5, 1955	Norwood	119
Maynes, W. A.	Nov. 16, 1955	Penza	120
Groves, H.	Nov. 28, 1955	Penza	120
Turner, A. C.	May 4, 1955	St. James	121
Graham, R. H.	July 6, 1955	St. James	121
Conklin, J.	Aug. 5, 1955	St. James	121
Forsyth, A. F.	Sep. 30, 1955	St. James	121
Smith, W.	Nov. 24, 1955	St. James	121
Piper, F. W.	Nov. 29, 1955	St. James	121
Gilzean, J. A.	Dec. 15, 1955	St. James	121
Lindgren, J. P.	Jan. 30, 1955	Transcona	123
MacKay, R. J.	Feb. 3, 1955	Transcona	123
Grant, J. K.	May 11, 1955	Transcona	123
Foster, R.	Aug. 5, 1955	Transcona	123
Turner, E.	Sep. 29, 1955	Transcona	123
Ridings, P. S.	May 24, 1955	The Pas	124
Hamilton, J. L.	Nov. 7, 1955	Patricia	125
Miller, J. S.	May 16, 1955	Empire	127
Hawthorn, R.	June 8, 1955	Empire	127
Shinnie, A. G.	June 22, 1955	Empire	127
McGowan, S.	July 5, 1955	Empire	127
Youmans, R. W.	Aug. 4, 1955	Fort Garry	130
Wren, T. H.	Jan. 25, 1955	Kildonan	131

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Henriksen, P. L.	Feb. 25, 1955	Kildonan	131
Speed, W.	Apr. 6, 1955	Kildonan	131
Towers, R.	Apr. 28, 1955	Kildonan	131
Francis, T. B.	Oct. 12, 1955	Kildonan	131
Melmore, N.	June 6, 1955	McCreary	133
Paterson, R. L.	Oct. 28, 1955	McCreary	133
McLean, G. J.	Mar. 15, 1955	Capitol	136
Lumsden, T. W.	June 24, 1955	Capitol	136
Tozeland, J. H. C.	July 20, 1955	Capitol	136
Miller, W.	Sep. 23, 1955	Capitol	136
Plumton, D. L.	Apr. 23, 1955	Lord Selkirk	137
Harper, F. D.	Dec. 24, 1955	Lord Selkirk	137
Strachan, J. L.	May 27, 1955	Windsor	138
Anderson, J. H.	July 4, 1955	Windsor	138
Horn, M. J.	Oct. 18, 1955	Windsor	138
Arthur, J.	Feb. 1, 1955	Beaver	139
Archer, R. C.	Mar. 13, 1955	Meridian	140
Hutchison, W. S.	Apr. 28, 1955	Meridian	140
Favez, C. H.	Apr. 30, 1955	Meridian	140
Walker, F. W.	June 30, 1955	Meridian	140
Murdock, R.	July 3, 1955	Meridian	140
Stone, R.	July 19, 1955	Meridian	140
Lee, F. V.	July 28, 1955	Meridian	140
Matthews, G. A.	June 27, 1955	Tuscan	141
Highlands, H. J.	July 28, 1955	Tuscan	141
Kobrinski, S.	Jan. 28, 1955	Mount Sinai	143
Levinson, M. H.	Feb. 20, 1955	Mount Sinai	143
Winston, M.	June 16, 1955	Mount Sinai	143
Waldman, S.	June 18, 1955	Mount Sinai	143
Caminetsky, I.	July 7, 1955	Mount Sinai	143
Stephany, P.	July 13, 1955	Mount Sinai	143
Decker, S. H.	Dec. 16, 1955	Mount Sinai	143
Cohen, W.	Dec. 23, 1955	Mount Sinai	143
Bolton, J. W.	Apr. 16, 1955	Fort Osborne	144
Muncaster, D. L.	Mar. 25, 1954	Sturgeon Creek	145
MacKenzie, T. K.	Aug. 21, 1955	Sturgeon Creek	145
Anderson, D.	Sep. 6, 1955	Sturgeon Creek	145
Irwin, C. G.	Nov. 3, 1955	Sturgeon Creek	145
Morrison, J. D.	June 7, 1955	Fidelity	146

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Grimes, H. N.	Aug. 23, 1955	Fidelity	146
Forsyth, H.	Nov. 12, 1955	Fidelity	146
Brewer, R.	Nov. 24, 1955	Fidelity	146
May, D.	Dec. 29, 1955	Fidelity	146
Pearce, J.	Jan. 5, 1955	Seven Oaks	148
Arklie, C. H.	Aug. 13, 1955	Seven Oaks	148
Tammadge, F. W.	Aug. 5, 1955	Foxwarren	152
Lazenby, J. H. J.	Sep. 15, 1955	Foxwarren	152
Burling, E. J.	Mar. 10, 1955	Flin Flon	153
Hope, C. A.	May 31, 1955	Flin Flon	153
West, A. B.	Oct. 4, 1955	Flin Flon	153
Palmer, H. A.	Oct. 18, 1955	Flin Flon	153
Foster, E. E.	Oct. 30, 1955	Flin Flon	153
Murray, W. S.	Nov. 4, 1955	Carman	155
Rungay, H. H.	Nov. 5, 1955	Fenwick	158
Morden, C. C.	June 4, 1955	Fort Prince of Wales	161
Ritchie, B.	May 5, 1955	Ashlar	162
Nadin, G.	July 8, 1955	Charleswood	163
Farwell, G. M.	July 26, 1955	Friendship	165
Radcliffe, Wm.	Nov. 5, 1955	Friendship	165

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Payne, L. W.	Mar. 15, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Dutton, J.	Dec. 21, 1955	Prince Rupert's	1
Dalziel, G.	Mar. 15, 1955	Lisgar	2
Schwartz, A. H.	May 17, 1955	Lisgar	2
Leighton, J. M.	May 16, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
MacLean, A. D.	Oct. 17, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Challoner, G. F.	Nov. 21, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Ireland, D. R.	Nov. 21, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Mersey, R. L.	Dec. 19, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Baker, P. I.	Dec. 19, 1955	Ancient Landmark	3
Cousins, B. A.	Apr. 6, 1955	St. John's	4
Cooke, L.	Dec. 7, 1955	St. John's	4
Davies, J.	Dec. 7, 1955	St. John's	4
Sheridan, D. J.	Dec. 7, 1955	St. John's	4
Stevenson, J. S. F.	Dec. 7, 1955	St. John's	4
Blair, H. O.	Dec. 31, 1955	Assiniboine	7
Vermeulen, A. A.	Dec. 31, 1955	Assiniboine	7
Barlow, S. H.	Dec. 13, 1955	King Solomon	8
Saunders, G. R.	May 19, 1955	Northern Light	10
Purdy, L. A.	Nov. 15, 1955	Northern Light	10
McDougall, D.	Jan. 10, 1955	Gladstone	11
Jarvis, F. E.	Oct. 14, 1955	Gladstone	11
Jarvis, A. W.	Nov. 14, 1955	Gladstone	11
Roberts, J. W. S.	Nov. 17, 1955	Morden	13
Fetterly, J. R.	Jan. 13, 1955	Prince of Wales	14
McDonald, F. A.	Mar. 10, 1955	Prince of Wales	14
Ferguson, L. A.	Nov. 10, 1955	Prince of Wales	14
Parrett, S. W.	Feb. 8, 1955	Brandon	19
Livesley, C. L.	Nov. 28, 1955	Marquette	21
Whitley, T. M.	Apr. 12, 1955	Neepawa	24
McLeod, R. J.	Nov. 8, 1955	Neepawa	24
Witcher, H. G.	Dec. 13, 1955	Neepawa	24
Williams, D.	Apr. 4, 1955	Ionic	25
Gray, N. M.	May 2, 1955	Ionic	25
Haynes, J. W.	June 6, 1955	Ionic	25
Parker, H. E.	Dec. 5, 1955	Ionic	25
Ross, G. S.	Feb. 25, 1955	Glenwood	27
Box, G. D.	Dec. 9, 1955	Glenwood	27
Sherratt, F. C.	Feb. 1, 1955	Carberry	29
Lee, W. O.	Mar. 22, 1955	Doric	36
Meabry, W. T.	Oct. 27, 1955	Doric	36
Milhausen, W. J.	Dec. 15, 1955	Doric	36
Stewart, J. F.	Feb. 16, 1955	Deloraine	40
Horne, G. A.	Nov. 1, 1955	Lebanon	43
Story, F. E.	Dec. 9, 1954	Oak Lake	44
Elkington, A. T.	Nov. 10, 1955	Oak Lake	44
Wright, W.	Nov. 10, 1955	Oak Lake	44
Bulloch, R. S.	Dec. 8, 1955	Oak Lake	44
Hogg, R. I.	Dec. 31, 1955	Oak Lake	44
Knox, A.	Dec. 13, 1955	Glenboro	48
Stout, J. B.	Dec. 20, 1955	Temple	49
Jarvis, E. J.	Dec. 19, 1955	Killarney	50

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Scott, J. D.	Dec. 31, 1955	Treherne	51
McBride, R. T.	Dec. 6, 1955	Hartney	52
Thorstad, W. A.	Dec. 27, 1955	Oriental	54
Goodmanson, G. E.	Dec. 13, 1955	Russell	62
Walker, R.	Dec. 13, 1955	Russell	62
Kristensen, W. S.	Aug. 13, 1955	Holland	63
Shore, H.	Mar. 1, 1955	Vermillion	68
Grant, D. D.	Dec. 6, 1955	Vermillion	68
Hargreaves, W. G.	Dec. 6, 1955	Vermillion	68
Ray, H. C.	Dec. 6, 1955	Vermillion	68
Gorrell, A. A.	Dec. 14, 1955	Crystal	71
Woods, J. E.	Dec. 14, 1955	Crystal	71
Roger, A. J.	Dec. 31, 1955	Elkhorn	74
West, I.	Jan. 12, 1955	Gothic	75
Shoemaker, L. H.	Dec. 14, 1955	Gothic	75
Stedham, S. B.	Dec. 14, 1955	Gothic	75
Blaney, O. W.	Mar. 3, 1955	Napinka	77
Butcher, J. W.	Oct. 26, 1955	Hamiota	84
Innes, D. A.	Dec. 9, 1955	Hamiota	84
Whiteway, D. H.	Dec. 9, 1955	King Edward	93
Knox, R. A.	June 9, 1955	Hiram	94
Walker, H. R.	Dec. 20, 1955	Hiram	94
Hooper, G. S.	June 23, 1955	Miniota	102
Mackinnon, A. F.	Dec. 29, 1955	Miniota	102
Cameron, J. A.	Nov. 2, 1955	Crescent	103
Hunt, H. J.	Dec. 7, 1955	Crescent	103
Chrisp, J. B.	Jan. 13, 1955	Reston	104
Thorne, R. W.	Dec. 8, 1955	Reston	104
Warren, R. G.	Oct. 20, 1955	Kilwinning	110
Douglas, R. G.	Nov. 14, 1955	Kilwinning	110
Hofley, D. M.	Oct. 12, 1955	Acacia	111
Smith, R.	Nov. 9, 1955	Acacia	111
Horton, O. S.	Dec. 14, 1955	Acacia	111
Rosie, G. A.	Dec. 14, 1955	Acacia	111
Bethel, R. W.	Oct. 17, 1955	Ophir	112
Milbrandt, H. P.	Oct. 17, 1955	Ophir	112
Douglas, N.	Mar. 15, 1955	Tweed	113
Ellingham, J. B.	Nov. 15, 1955	Tweed	113
Carcary, H.	Dec. 20, 1955	Tweed	113
Gorby, J. B.	Dec. 20, 1955	Tweed	113
McLeod, R. J. A.	Dec. 31, 1955	Rivers	115
Laughlin, D. J.	Apr. 26, 1955	Strathcona	117
Dickson, F. J.	Nov. 23, 1955	Strathcona	117
Friesen, J. E.	Nov. 23, 1955	Strathcona	117
Hall, G. F.	Nov. 23, 1955	Strathcona	117
McDonald, M.	Nov. 23, 1955	Strathcona	117
Keating, G. J.	Jan. 27, 1955	Mound	118
Kovnats, D. A.	Dec. 15, 1955	Mound	118
Anderson, Geo.	Apr. 26, 1955	Penza	120
Cooksley, R. G.	Apr. 13, 1955	St. James	121
Sherwood, J. H. J.	Nov. 9, 1955	St. James	121
Symington, J.	Dec. 14, 1955	St. James	121

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Waterman, A. E.	Dec. 14, 1955	St. James	121
McWhirter, D. F.	Oct. 3, 1955	Roblin	122
Haines, J. W. J.	Nov. 14, 1955	Roblin	122
Head, L. H.	Nov. 4, 1955	Transcona	123
Stevens, C.	Jan. 6, 1955	The Pas	124
Thom, D. R.	Jan. 5, 1955	Patricia	125
Elliott, K. E.	Oct. 5, 1955	Patricia	125
Cooper, R.	May 9, 1955	Empire	127
Beggs, I.	Sep. 12, 1955	Empire	127
Wilson, R.	Oct. 17, 1955	Empire	127
Saunders, R. A. M.	Nov. 14, 1955	Empire	127
Gwynne, A.	Dec. 12, 1955	Empire	127
Shaw, S. J.	Oct. 12, 1955	Fort Garry	130
Gilmore, W. F.	Nov. 9, 1955	Fort Garry	130
Banner, T. B.	Dec. 14, 1955	Fort Garry	130
Wocks, J. R.	Dec. 14, 1955	Fort Garry	130
Emes, B.	Dec. 7, 1955	Sprague	132
Cooper, W. G.	Dec. 14, 1955	McCreary	133
Anderson, H. G.	Apr. 6, 1955	Stony Mountain	134
Thomson, G. A.	Dec. 7, 1955	Stony Mountain	134
Kerr, A. J.	Oct. 7, 1955	Capitol	136
Minielly, E. G.	Nov. 4, 1955	Capitol	136
Leonard, J.	May 11, 1955	Lord Selkirk	137
Edmond, R. S.	Sep. 14, 1955	Lord Selkirk	137
Ibbetson, A.	Dec. 14, 1955	Lord Selkirk	137
Wilkinson, J. S.	Jan. 10, 1955	Windsor	138
Tod, W. B.	Dec. 12, 1955	Windsor	138
Selver, J. M.	Dec. 31, 1955	Windsor	138
Cunliffe, V.	Dec. 31, 1955	Beaver	139
Gillatt, F. A.	Dec. 31, 1955	Beaver	139
Scott, R. H.	Jan. 20, 1955	Meridian	140
Couzens, J. H.	Oct. 20, 1955	Meridian	140
Lewis, J. S.	Oct. 20, 1955	Meridian	140
Larkins, F. M.	Nov. 17, 1955	Meridian	140
Miller, A. J. P.	Nov. 17, 1955	Meridian	140
Grapentine, H. B.	Dec. 15, 1955	Meridian	140
Press, W. S.	Dec. 15, 1955	Meridian	140
Scoble, P. A.	Dec. 15, 1955	Meridian	140
Moore, C. F.	Dec. 23, 1955	Tuscan	141
Collingwood, R. E.	Nov. 17, 1955	Harmony	142
Dennison, G. H.	Dec. 15, 1955	Harmony	142
Gill, J. H.	Sep. 6, 1955	Fort Osborne	144
Donnelly, H. G.	Jan. 3, 1955	Sturgeon Creek	145
Flack, W. C.	June 20, 1955	Fidelity	146
Graham, W.	Nov. 7, 1955	Fidelity	146
Evans, E. M.	Dec. 30, 1955	Fidelity	146
Fusee, J. M.	Dec. 30, 1955	Fidelity	146
Hammond, G.	Dec. 30, 1955	Fidelity	146
Breadner, W. L.	Jan. 1953	Jubilee	147
Holtzman, A. W.	Dec. 16, 1955	Jubilee	147
Adams, H. G.	Jan. 14, 1955	Seven Oaks	148
Clark, H. B.	Nov. 11, 1955	Seven Oaks	148

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas. Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	H. D. P. Le Chappellain	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J.D O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thos. Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	*Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	Rev. John Wells
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A.Ovas	*John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbie
1906	*John McKechnie	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm.Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M.Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott
1915	*William Fenwick	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	C. F. Hasselfield	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. J Jackson	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	*Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	*James A. Ovas		Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	A. L. Crossin	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	*Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	*George Hunter	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	*George Hunter	*Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	*George Hunter	*Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	*George Hunter	*Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	*Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	*James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Alex Burgess	*James A. Ovas		*Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	*James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		*Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Buritt	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		†Bishop George R. Calvert
1935	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		†Bishop George R. Calvert
1936	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	†BishopG.R.Calvert	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	†BishopG.R.Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	*J. J. Henderson	†BishopG.R.Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Ben C. Parker	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	†BishopG.R.Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S. H. Fahrni	*Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1943	*Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. H. B. Wallace
1945	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. H. B. Wallace
1946	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	*Alex. Burgess	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		†Rev. E. A. Syms
1947	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Alex. Burgess	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		†Rev. E. A. Syms
1948	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Hugh A. Innes	W. Percy White	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. R. S. Montgomery
1949	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Hugh A. Innes	G. A. McMorran	W. Percy White	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. R. S. Montgomery
1950	Chas. E. Cole	F. H. Blythe	G. A. McMorran	H. H. Gray	W. Percy White	Harry Coddington		Rev. Canon Fredk. Hughes
1951	F. H. Blythe	G. A. McMorran	H. H. Gray	J. R. C. Evans	W. Percy White	Harry Coddington		Rev. Canon Fredk. Hughes
1952	G. A. McMorran	H. H. Gray	J. R. C. Evans	R. E. Emmett	W. Percy White	T. C. Jackson		†Rev. H. L. Newton
1953	H. H. Gray	J. R. C. Evans	R. E. Emmett	J. F. Irwin	W. Percy White	T. C. Jackson		†Rev. H. L. Newton
1954	J. R. C. Evans	R. E. Emmett	J. F. Irwin	D. Rothstein	W. Percy White	T. C. Jackson		Rev. J. E. Cooper
1955	R. E. Emmett	J. F. Irwin	D. Rothstein	W. A. Prugh	J. P. Mowat	T. C. Jackson		Rev. C. R. Newcombe
1956	J. F. Irwin	D. Rothstein	W. A. Prugh	W. D. G. Runnions	J. P. Mowat	T. C. Jackson		Rev. C. R. Newcombe

*Dead †Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	J. A. Waddell	W. K. Mulock	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Alex. Gunn	John Norquay	Third Tuesday
A — 3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	P. A. Bull	K. L. Bardal	Third Monday
A — 4	St. John's	Winnipeg	R. R. Robertson	T. L. Dodsworth	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	L. C. Breckon	K. C. R. Coulter	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	W. A. Brands	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	W. R. Irvine	W. J. Hamblin	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	A. J. Holding	Robt. Collier	Third Thursday
A — 11	Gladstone	Gladstone	T. B. Freeborn	S. Sorenson	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	W. P. Matthewson	M. R. Good	Second Thursday
13	Morden	Morden	G. R. Cook	W. L. Jessiman	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Alex. Ferguson	T. H. Murton	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	H. Northam	H. G. Simpson	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon	F. P. McCleavy	A. G. Warr	Second Tuesday
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie	W. C. Lowry	G. G. Grigg	Fourth Monday
A — 24	Neepawa	Neepawa	G. M. Hallen	A. Clark	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	D. Roblin	E. L. Hardie	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	R. Cartlidge	J. A. Leslie	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	H. C. Wallace	E. A. Berry	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	C. D. Hanna	C. L. Sanders	First Wednesday
36	Doric	Boissevain	D. M. McPhail	W. R. B. Trow	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	R. Olson	W. J. Brown	Second Monday
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	J. H. Renton	J. A. Whitlaw	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	F. A. France	J. C. Anderson	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	W. C. Arthur	J. D. Bell	Second Thursday
A — 48	Glenboro	Glenboro	C. A. Hall	W. Oliphant	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	MacGregor	K. Anderson	H. I. Collins	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	H. J. M. Morrison	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	A. E. Lodwick	L. E. Staples	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	G. E. White	A. A. Muir	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	K. C. Cobb	E. H. Russell	Fourth Tuesday
55	East Star	Gretna	J. F. English	P. Schuppert	First Tuesday
62	Russell	Russell	J. W. McKenzie	H. E. Way	Second Tuesday
63	Holland	Holland	J. L. Sundell	W. M. Scharff	Second Wednesday
64	Composite	Alexander	Chas. Begg	L. W. Skinner	Third Thursday
A — 67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	J. C. Beveridge	H. J. Williams	Third Monday
68	Vermillion	Dauphin	F. C. McBurney	J. A. Shields	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Roland	W. N. Hodgson	K. G. Stocks	Second Thursday
71	Crystal	Crystal City	W. E. Sutherland	G. S. Mutch	Second Tuesday

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74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	J. C. Callander	C. G. Webster	Second Monday
75	Gothic	Austin	R. A. Hay	A. Johnston	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Napinka	E. C. Line	J. S. Holland	First Wednesday
A — 82	Cypress	Cypress River	J. A. Gardiner	R. I. Connon	Fourth Monday
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	J. J. Ward	F. J. Coombs	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Elgin	A. R. Reid	J. W. Moffat	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	F. Dilworth	A. H. Macdonald	First Tuesday
90	Midlothian	Miami	E. O. Rutter	A. C. Orchard	Third Monday
A — 92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	A. Love	C. W. McLean	Second Thursday
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	J. H. Restall	F. C. Davey	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram	Grandview	A. McKenzie	R. B. Elliott	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	J. A. Young	A. W. Knott	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	G. O. Curll	M. E. Clegg	Third Monday
102	Miniota	Miniota	O. L. Patterson	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	L. A. Malmquist	J. R. Ivey	First Wednesday
104	Reston	Reston	M. R. McIver	John Cuthill	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	F. H. Sigurdson	W. I. Steen	First Thursday
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	Jas. Calder	W. A. Hunter	Third Tuesday
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	David Bianco	M. R. Sutherland	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union	Brookdale	J. K. Wood	Robt. Barrett	Third Thursday
A —109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	K. C. Horn	G. O. Couch	Third Wednesday
110	Kilwinning	Minto	S. C. Bates	W. J. Scott	Second Monday
A —111	Acacia	Winnipeg	Fredk. Topham	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir	Beausejour	E. Malkoske	J. A. Longbottom	Third Friday
113	Tweed	Brandon	A. MacMillan	H. S. Perdue	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	R. J. Horton	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	Rivers	Rivers	G. F. Burt	B. J. D. Ellis	Last Monday
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	F. R. Aikenhead	G. W. Wells	First Monday
117	Strathcona	Belmont	J. W. Goodbrand	R. D. Saunders	Fourth Tuesday
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	H. M. Gemmill	F. W. Perfect	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood	Norwood	W. D. Jervis	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	Penza	Dominion City	R. C. Oatway	H. T. Kelly	Fourth Tuesday
121	St. James	St. James	T. C. MacGregor	E. S. Reeves	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	W. C. Gamey	J. Adam	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	M. Fedeluk	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	H. P. Moffat	Wm. Howie	First Thursday
125	Patricia	Sperling	A. O. Wilson	J. J. Tjaden	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	C. Dowson	G. D. Bertram	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Winnipeg	L. Willstrop	A. D. Adamson	Second Monday

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128	Victory	Benito	C. S. Banks	H. S. Tax	Third Tuesday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	D. Shepherd	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	East Kildonan	Henry DeJong	C. H. Cook	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	D. L. Thomson	Thos. McCarthy	First Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	A. E. Greentree	Jas. Crout	Second Wednesday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	J. S. I. Linklater	Thos. Hartley	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	A. S. Bromley	W. J. Law	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	T. K. Oliver	Wm. Craik	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	David Johnston	J. B. McClure	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	E. C. Bruzell	L. C. Welsh	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	A. G. MacKenzie	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	Chas. Krupp	N. C. Law	Second Friday—a.m.
142	Harmony	Cardale	F. G. Waldon	E. A. Corbet	Third Thursday
143	Mount Sinai	Winnipeg	Louis Rubin	M. A. Nitikman	Fourth Thursday
A —144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	R. V. Weir	A. Laidlaw	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	G. W. Boyd	L. D. Bester	First Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	H. J. Nixon	Wm. Wilson	First Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	H. J. Jenkins	D. W. Basarab	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	West Kildonan	W. F. Alderson	J. J. Douglas	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	R. N. McLennan	T. B. Poole	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	East Kildonan	R. D. Ross	R. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	T. A. McPherson	F. W. Tarrant	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	W. J. A. Hall	W. A. Young	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	K. I. Johnson	B. H. Campbell	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	G. G. Graham	A. K. Stratton	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	A. Sandgren	D. McFadyen	Third Tuesday
157	Rice Lake	Bissett	F. R. Duval	G. H. Lucas	First Friday
158	Fenwick	Brandon	W. G. Frazer	H. M. Kerr	Fourth Friday
159	Newdale	Newdale	W. H. Everitt	W. P. Everitt	First Thursday
160	Starbuck	Starbuck	P. A. Qually	F. L. Topham	Second Monday
161	Fort Prince of Wales	Churchill	F. W. Pollitt	F. L. Stuart	First Wednesday
162	Ashlar	Norwood	G. R. Dowse	H. C. Woods	First Tuesday
163	Charleswood	Charleswood	J. S. Redfern	C. F. Hayward	Second Monday
164	Harry Woods	Lundar	J. A. Erlendson	G. Paulson	Fourth Tuesday
165	Friendship	Fort Garry	D. G. Pearson	H. C. Wolfe	First Thursday
166	Woodworth	Kenton	J. D. Sills	J. Willox	Second Wednesday
167	Menorah	Winnipeg	J. M. Knelman	A. J. Walkin	First Wednesday
A— U.D.	Wheat City	Brandon	M. E. McKellar	J. W. Broatch	First Friday
U.D.	Three Pillars	St. Vital	N. J. Haywood	C. Carlson	First Tuesday

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1954	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1955
1	Prince Rupert's	11	13	13	2	0	2	2	0	10	434	..	433
2	Lisgar	13	13	15	0	1	2	0	0	6	195	..	201
3	Ancient Landmark	15	15	15	1	0	6	0	0	17	381	..	374
4	St. John's	19	23	23	1	2	5	1	0	19	603	..	600
6	Emerson	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	80	..	75
7	Assiniboine	4	4	4	0	1	2	2	0	8	286	..	279
8	King Solomon	4	2	3	2	1	1	0	0	2	81	..	85
10	Northern Light	11	15	17	1	1	2	0	0	5	368	..	374
11	Gladstone	4	4	7	3	0	3	0	0	1	106	..	109
12	Stonewall	3	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	3	130	..	132
13	Morden	2	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	2	79	..	82
14	Prince of Wales	3	2	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	124	..	126
15	Corinthian	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	67	..	69
19	Brandon	2	2	2	3	0	1	4	0	2	261	..	259
21	Marquette	5	5	5	2	0	1	0	0	1	37	..	42
24	Neepawa	7	6	6	3	0	3	1	0	3	161	..	164
25	Ionic	20	20	19	1	1	4	0	0	12	643	..	649
27	Glenwood	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	161	..	153
29	Carberry	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	73	..	75
30	Manitou	4	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	1	72	..	79
36	Doric	2	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	4	121	..	116
39	Birtle	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	67	..	68
40	Deloraine	7	2	2	2	1	1	2	0	3	89	+1	94
43	Lebanon	5	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	107	..	111
44	Oak Lake	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	41	..	36
48	Glenboro	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	68	..	70
49	Temple	2	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	74	..	73
50	Killarney	2	4	4	1	1	1	2	0	0	80	..	81
51	Treherne	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	65	..	63
52	Hartney	2	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	106	..	105

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1954	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1955
54	Oriental	3	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	78	..	79
55	East Star	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	49	..	50
62	Russell	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	0	0	73	..	72
63	Holland	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	60	..	56
64	Composite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	..	58
67	Wawanesa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	65	..	64
68	Vermillion	11	11	6	1	1	4	3	0	1	204	..	209
70	Shiloh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	80	..	77
71	Crystal	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	86	..	83
74	Elkhorn	3	4	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	47	..	50
75	Gothic	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	57	..	52
77	Napinka	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	61	..	59
82	Cypress	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	42	..	41
84	Hamiota	2	2	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	80	..	81
86	Elgin	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	65	—1	68
87	Rathwell	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	27	..	28
90	Midlothian	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	66	..	67
92	Shoal Lake	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	69	..	71
93	King Edward	9	12	13	3	0	1	3	0	9	311	..	310
94	Hiram	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	89	..	83
100	Robbie Burns	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	36	..	38
101	Binscarth	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	33	..	30
102	Miniota	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	52	..	50
103	Crescent	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	0	0	90	..	88
104	Reston	3	3	3	2	0	2	1	0	2	174	..	174
105	Prince Arthur	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	113	..	113
106	Strathclair	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	63	..	64
107	Lansdowne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	..	51
108	Union	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	..	61
109	Swan Lake	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	45	..	45

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1955—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1954	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1955
110	Kilwinning	7	5	4	0	0	2	1	0	1	53	..	56
111	Acacia	14	20	21	0	0	4	2	0	5	346	..	349
112	Ophir	5	6	6	0	0	2	1	0	1	90	..	91
113	Tweed	10	10	10	3	1	4	2	0	6	286	..	288
114	"The Assiniboine"	15	17	18	2	0	0	0	0	11	382	..	388
115	Rivers	8	8	10	0	0	1	2	0	0	119	..	124
116	St. Andrew's	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	39	..	40
117	Strathcona	4	3	3	0	0	5	0	0	3	67	..	63
118	Mound	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	76	..	72
119	Norwood	12	12	11	4	1	0	2	0	4	326	..	337
120	Penza	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	57	..	54
121	St. James	13	13	13	2	0	4	5	0	7	304	..	303
122	Roblin	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	62	..	64
123	Transcona	6	5	5	1	0	1	2	0	5	162	..	161
124	The Pas	8	11	10	2	0	1	0	0	1	143	..	151
125	Patricia	4	5	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	51	..	52
126	Favel	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	..	52
127	Empire	9	13	11	4	1	5	0	0	4	219	..	224
128	Victory	1	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	56	..	58
130	Fort Garry	19	19	19	1	0	4	1	0	1	343	..	357
131	Kildonan	12	12	13	0	0	0	0	0	6	149	..	155
132	Sprague	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	33	..	30
133	McCreary	6	6	6	1	0	1	0	0	2	60	..	64
134	Stony Mountain	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	85	..	84
136	Capitol	22	18	18	1	0	2	1	0	4	332	..	348
137	Lord Selkirk	8	11	15	2	0	3	0	0	2	175	..	180
138	Windsor	11	15	8	4	0	3	2	0	3	256	..	263
139	Beaver	17	13	10	0	3	2	1	0	2	320	..	335
140	Meridian	15	15	15	3	1	8	3	0	7	399	..	400
141	Tuscan	3	9	9	1	0	1	1	0	2	123	..	123

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1954	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1955
142	Harmony	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	36	..	34
143	Mount Sinai	15	16	16	1	0	0	0	0	8	360	..	368
144	Fort Osborne	15	15	15	3	0	1	0	0	2	255	..	270
145	Sturgeon Creek	12	12	12	1	1	1	0	0	4	182	..	191
146	Fidelity	15	22	22	1	1	5	0	0	5	305	..	312
147	Jubilee	9	9	9	0	0	2	4	0	0	73	..	76
148	Seven Oaks	7	9	9	2	0	2	1	0	2	147	..	151
150	Cartwright	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	..	45
151	The Dormer	7	7	7	1	0	1	2	0	1	135	..	139
152	Foxwarren	2	2	2	1	0	2	0	0	3	42	..	40
153	Flin Flon	11	13	7	1	0	1	0	0	5	185	..	191
154	Pine Falls	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	..	89
155	Carman	2	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	87	..	84
156	Manitouwapa	7	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	70	..	78
157	Rice Lake	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	..	53
158	Fenwick	11	14	18	10	0	6	2	0	0	170	..	183
159	Newdale	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	37	..	39
160	Starbuck	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	..	71
161	Fort Prince of Wales	18	18	14	3	0	0	4	0	1	97	..	113
162	Ashlar	9	9	8	1	0	1	0	0	1	75	..	83
163	Charleswood	6	7	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	74	..	79
164	Harry Woods	1	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	68	..	65
165	Friendship	12	10	10	6	0	3	1	0	2	106	..	118
166	Woodworth	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	..	40
167	Menorah	15	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	..	67
U.D.	Wheat City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	...	39
	Totals	638	678	657	124	32	178	89	0	280	15547	..	15833

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Average Attendance of Members	No. of Members 12 months in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's	9	7	16	143	290	55	15	168.00	585.12	1,457.12	901.66	21,376.79	2,300.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	7	16	104	270	72	38	585.00	.....	167.98	1,107.93	37,021.50	2,900.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's	9	10	19	160	440	86	39	468.00	94.18	4,383.21	997.00	41,195.31	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light	9	5	14	102	272	70	18	165.00	661.00	2,522.81	153.00	17,208.24	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic	10	8	18	181	468	110	45	686.00	209.77	2,161.05	1,717.50	64,519.20	2,500.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward	9	7	16	70	240	63	15	176.00	86.50	1,179.35	572.50	10,060.22	1,600.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia	9	11	20	62	287	79	27	260.50	355.00	1,243.50	1,130.08	16,683.42	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	9	7	16	92	296	80	6	59.00	626.31	1,504.35	.....	31,005.35	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
119	Norwood	9	10	19	63	274	75	18	228.00	244.50	1,244.87	224.00	16,583.31	19,000.00	Active	1	Own
121	St. James	9	8	17	50	253	78	8	125.00	263.25	555.51	330.00	16,812.55	3,500.00	Active	1	Rent
127	Empire	9	10	19	40	184	60	22	288.00	317.30	2,078.88	521.75	22,126.94	15,000.00	Active	1	Own
162	Ashlar	9	6	15	6	77	33	5	56.00	.....	1,679.00	369.36	3,027.64	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
165	Friendship	9	9	18	12	106	49	12	120.00	.....	2,699.39	573.50	2,687.23	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

7	Assiniboine	10	4	14	107	172	60	51	541.00	86.20	864.52	.....	15,651.79	34,000.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone	12	2	14	36	73	32	15	153.00	3.50	276.66	.....	7,776.66	6,000.00	Active	1	Own
21	Marquette	10	5	15	1	41	27	....	.....	.....	504.39	30.00	1,174.39	200.00	Active	1	Rent
24	Neepawa	10	4	14	74	90	41	14	190.00	65.00	443.86	453.45	5,680.41	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry	11	2	13	31	44	22	6	48.00	46.10	146.73	.....	4,069.96	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple	12	2	14	27	39	25	6	64.00	.....	200.00	300.00	12,400.00	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
75	Gothic	12	1	13	22	30	14	6	54.00	10.00	185.66	.....	2,385.66	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
108	Union	11	3	14	21	40	25	21	245.00	5.00	62.20	.....	4,062.20	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
116	St. Andrew's	11	1	12	24	16	12	4	42.00	.....	571.93	.....	3,996.93	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
133	McCreary	12	1	13	15	49	25	34	420.00	10.00	299.80	.....	4,799.80	4,000.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
48	Glenboro	10	1	11	22	48	21	6	49.00	32.48	592.82	.....	942.82	700.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Treherne	10	2	12	26	37	22	13	136.00	14.85	252.49	2,210.00	5,742.49	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
63	Holland	11	2	13	29	27	17	6	42.00	.....	370.08	.....	1,317.58	500.00	Active	1	Rent
67	Wawanesa	10	1	11	20	44	23	10	132.50	20.70	338.90	.....	1,138.90	350.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress	10	....	10	16	25	11	9	63.00	.....	671.49	.....	1,271.49	800.00	Active	1	Rent
87	Rathwell	10	1	11	10	18	11	4	36.00	.....	772.47	.....	1,065.62	300.00	Active	1	Rent
103	Crescent	10	....	10	26	62	38	18	168.00	.....	596.45	2,700.00	13,896.45	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
109	Swan Lake	7	1	8	15	30	18	8	77.00	8.18	248.31	.....	2,948.31	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
117	Strathcona	12	....	12	27	36	24	6	51.25	25.00	650.48	.....	3,901.73	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
160	Starbuck	11	....	11	1	70	23	2	16.00	.....	2,733.07	.....	4,433.07	750.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

13	Morden	10	....	10	38	44	19	10	95.00	.....	640.71	.....	2,385.71	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou	10	....	10	29	50	28	8	64.00	14.96	854.74	800.00	4,254.74	5,650.00	Active	1	Own
36	Doric	11	....	11	36	80	26	22	189.00	.....	800.00	1,650.00	12,150.00	12,000.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney	12	1	13	27	54	21	6	36.70	.....	201.09	.....	3,451.09	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal	12	1	13	29	54	20	15	90.00	28.21	716.31	.....	1,816.31	200.00	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound	11	....	11	16	56	14	18	254.00	69.39	141.98	.....	7,841.98	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
150	Cartwright	10	....	10	15	30	13	9	147.00	10.00	795.46	.....	995.46	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con-dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
14	Prince of Wales	10	1	11	51	75	33	20	242.00	75.00	453.44	.....	9,135.44	9,500.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian	12	....	12	23	46	17	8	80.00	.....	1,955.08	.....	3,115.08	.....	Active	1	Rent
39	Birtle	10	1	11	20	48	20	6	55.00	83.22	580.46	70.00	6,565.46	8,000.00	Active	1	Own
62	Russell	10	....	10	25	47	26	6	51.00	32.10	110.36	.....	6,860.36	8,000.00	Active	1	Own
84	Hamiota	12	....	12	16	65	21	3	36.00	21.10	816.09	.....	1,316.09	250.00	Active	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake	10	2	12	40	31	15	8	60.00	23.71	378.81	575.25	1,899.56	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
101	Binscarth	11	1	12	9	21	11	19	224.00	.....	174.54	180.00	894.54	800.00	Dorm.	1	Rent
102	Miniota	10	2	12	25	25	12	8	45.00	.....	135.24	.....	4,085.24	3,925.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair	12	1	13	27	35	22	8	62.00	25.00	261.18	52.25	4,208.93	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers	10	5	15	51	73	35	28	227.90	.....	553.29	2,813.09	18,040.20	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony	11	....	11	12	22	14	3	30.00	.....	332.87	.....	832.87	500.00	Active	1	Rent
152	Foxwarren	12	....	12	15	25	16	2	35.00	10.00	368.01	.....	1,668.01	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
159	Newdale	12	....	12	10	29	19	3	30.00	.....	416.51	.....	1,416.51	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

27	Glenwood	10	2	12	64	89	37	17	151.00	43.20	1,289.51	68.37	28,721.14	19,500.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine	10	1	11	21	73	30	20	313.00	.....	1,912.78	2,679.50	19,333.28	16,500.00	Active	1	Own
52	Hartney	12	....	12	25	80	37	19	133.00	49.30	1,376.74	175.83	3,090.91	1,850.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental	12	....	12	24	55	20	6	48.00	519.15	1,439.52	102.50	3,100.02	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka	11	....	11	24	35	19	15	200.00	50.00	335.70	.....	1,735.70	600.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin	11	1	12	16	52	25	6	49.00	.....	88.11	.....	1,288.11	500.00	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston	12	1	13	48	126	38	14	112.00	25.00	760.90	528.00	13,544.90	15,500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning	11	1	12	18	39	21	5	40.00	40.00	127.39	381.60	2,685.79	2,900.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con-dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon	10	10	20	75	184	42	46	480.00	196.00	1,442.97	.....	11,142.97	500.00	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon	10	....	10	51	60	35	8	68.00	68.00	633.78	.....	2,733.78	450.00	Active	1	Rent
44	Oak Lake	10	....	10	15	21	12	10	80.00	20.00	72.86	300.00	4,047.86	3,500.00	Active	1	Own
64	Composite	10	....	10	19	39	15	....	.....	48.00	297.07	.....	2,397.07	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
74	Elkhorn	10	....	10	22	28	15	8	80.00	10.00	188.63	424.00	4,194.63	4,800.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne	10	....	10	18	33	14	10	98.00	20.00	128.40	.....	4,924.45	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
113	Tweed	10	9	19	110	178	40	44	372.00	400.00	1,687.83	.....	23,873.13	.....	Active	1	Rent
158	Fenwick	10	10	20	44	139	32	9	72.00	44.75	1,756.65	452.25	4,270.45	500.00	Active	1	Rent
166	Woodworth	12	1	13	4	36	24	4	40.00	30.00	518.36	47.90	970.46	500.00	Active	1	Rent
	Wheat City U.D.	2	....	2	10	29	17	....	.....	.....	313.97	.....	313.97	.....	Active	..	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

6	Emerson	12	....	12	31	44	21	10	120.00	254.50	825.50	.....	21,125.50	14,500.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Solomon	12	4	16	31	54	27	9	106.00	34.80	863.73	172.62	21,365.71	17,200.00	Active	1	Own
55	East Star	10	....	10	37	13	8	6	68.00	.....	70.92	.....	2,070.92	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
70	Shiloh	10	1	11	31	46	27	9	95.50	130.00	285.73	.....	11,462.73	10,150.00	Active	1	Own
90	Midlothian	10	....	10	26	41	18	10	70.00	.....	653.87	.....	2,004.60	200.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza	11	....	11	17	37	15	7	70.00	131.09	867.48	.....	3,467.48	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia	10	....	10	18	34	20	3	28.00	.....	371.94	479.50	8,922.44	7,000.00	Active	1	Own
132	Sprague	8	....	8	17	13	8	12	136.00	.....	149.06	.....	449.06	500.00	Not Gd	1	Rent
155	Carman	10	....	10	21	63	31	21	202.00	89.89	707.05	.....	1,507.05	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion	10	1	11	98	111	53	49	736.00	47.50	409.66	3,062.66	11,181.38	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
94	Hiram	11	....	11	38	45	19	16	206.00	.....	16.06	652.53	5,318.54	5,000.00	Active	2	Own
100	Robbie Burns	10	....	10	23	15	12	11	116.00	.....	279.73	.....	1,029.73	.....	Active	2	Rent
105	Prince Arthur	12	2	14	38	75	26	24	240.00	20.00	1,675.22	100.05	2,575.17	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin	12	1	13	17	47	23	7	95.00	45.00	521.97	500.00	15,521.97	12,000.00	Active	2	Own
126	Favel	12	1	13	16	36	18	5	50.00	48.91	41.05	.....	2,391.05	1,700.00	Active	1	Own
128	Victory	8	2	10	33	25	14	10	68.00	60.00	228.52	.....	1,178.52	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee	12	1	13	21	55	21	12	197.50	75.00	395.20	122.70	1,272.50	300.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

2	Lisgar	9	7	16	31	170	50	26	425.00	106.70	2,264.32	305.00	18,959.32	14,000.00	Active	1	Own
12	Stonewall	12	2	14	42	90	40	6	60.00	126.00	517.33	.....	6,817.33	5,730.00	Active	2	Own
112	Ophir	10	1	11	19	72	25	18	184.00	.....	772.62	.....	12,272.62	11,300.00	Active	1	Own
123	Transcona	9	6	15	33	128	38	23	391.50	200.30	1,801.81	.....	7,570.22	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan	9	8	17	29	126	44	5	84.00	148.00	1,241.09	137.75	1,604.34	500.00	Active	2	Rent
134	Stony Mountain	9	2	11	20	64	21	11	91.50	100.00	755.56	.....	5,155.56	3,400.00	Active	2	Own
148	Seven Oaks	9	5	14	21	130	49	14	176.25	231.65	6,396.57	9,336.01	16,837.81	1,500.00	Active	2	Rent
151	The Dormer	9	7	16	9	130	46	20	240.00	190.00	1,594.85	323.00	2,089.60	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls	10	1	11	31	58	28	11	67.00	199.00	1,599.22	80.00	5,204.99	750.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa	9	5	14	33	45	19	13	70.00	15.00	293.89	282.64	7,082.25	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
164	Harry Woods	12	....	12	....	65	24	11	143.30	310.00	788.34	.....	789.34	600.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry	9	8	17	62	295	95	36	463.00	401.50	539.28	455.00	11,923.87	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	9	9	18	43	305	100	38	453.00	534.00	2,251.37	481.00	9,970.37	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk	9	5	14	28	152	63	38	481.50	50.00	2,132.09	105.00	7,727.09	1,100.00	Active	2	Rent
138	Windsor	9	8	17	43	220	67	30	227.00	442.76	2,201.03	750.36	60,165.46	45,000.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	10	19	88	247	65	55	680.00	258.52	1,897.31	345.71	8,561.60	500.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian	9	6	15	70	330	90	49	564.00	607.27	1,524.60	689.00	20,960.60	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
141	Tuscan	9	....	9	18	105	55	17	205.00	168.80	808.87	138.50	3,442.67	500.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai	9	5	14	42	326	54	34	386.00	24.00	1,189.86	966.86	14,353.79	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne	9	7	16	52	218	45	42	810.50	219.80	2,706.69	48.88	8,522.51	950.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek	9	8	17	23	168	50	29	396.00	90.30	2,940.48	.....	7,667.45	1,000.00	Active	2	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	9	18	60	252	62	31	310.00	335.30	1,959.87	468.85	11,402.02	200.00	Active	2	Rent
163	Charleswood	9	5	14	10	69	31	5	63.50	15.00	1,140.37	.....	3,887.18	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
167	Menorah	9	7	16	....	67	32	2	24.00	.....	853.98	.....	853.98	1,000.00	Active	2	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE LODGES UNDER SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
124	The Pas	10	8	18	91	60	27	44	667.00	.....	461.26	186.01	690.25	11,400.00	Active	..	Own
153	Flin Flon	10	12	22	63	128	47	21	213.25	412.63	2,521.94	3,296.35	12,093.87	22,500.00	Active	..	Own
157	Rice Lake	10	....	10	23	30	22	22	118.00	150.00	880.32	.....	2,084.61	500.00	Active	..	Rt free
161	Fort Prince of Wales	10	26	36	67	46	22	7	40.00	1,119.42	1,544.99	.....	10,794.99	14,800.00	Active	..	Own

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Montgomery, P.O. Box 98
Alberta	E. H. Rivers	Calgary, Masonic Temple
Alpina (Switzerland)	Paul Wittmer (Col.)	Bogenschutzenstrasse 8, Berne
Argentina	Alcibiades Lappas	Buenos Aires, Cangallo 1242
Arizona	J. A. E. Ivey	Tucson, P.O. Box 1488
Arkansas	L. L. McDaniel	Little Rock, Masonic Temple
British Columbia	J. H. N. Morgan	Vancouver, 692 Seymour St.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco, 25 Van Ness St.
Canada (Ontario)	E. G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chile	Zacarias Gomez M.	Santiago, Casilla 2867
Colombia	Ernesto P. Neira	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	H. W. Bundy	Denver 2, 300 Masonic Temple, 1614 Welton St.
Connecticut	Earle K. Haling	Hartford 3, Masonic Temple
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	San Jose, Apartado 1052
Cuba	Jose F. Castellanos	Havana, Apartado 72
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark, N.G.L.	Einar Hoeg	Copenhagen, 23 Blegsdamvej
District of Columbia	Raymond N. Babcock	Washington 5, Masonic Temple
Ecuador	S. E. P. Sanchez	Guayaquil, P.O. Box. 932
England	Sir Sydney A. White	London, Gt. Queen St.
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville 2, Masonic Temple
France, G. L.	Georges Marty	8 Rue Puteaux, Paris
France, N.G.L.	V. Planque	Paris, 65 Boulevard Beniau, Neuilly-sur-Seine
Georgia	D. W. Locklin	Macon, 811 Mulberry St.
Guatemala	C. E. Bianchi	Guatemala City, Apartado 48
Honduras	Miguel A. Zelaya	Tegucigalpa, Box 28, Honduras, C.A.
Iceland	Olafur Gislason	Freemasonry Hall, Borgartun 4, Reykjavik.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1677
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg, P.O. Box 441
Indiana	Dwight L. Smith	Indianapolis, Masonic Temple
Iowa	Earl B. Delzell	Cedar Rapids, Masonic Temple
Ireland	J. O. Harte	Dublin, 17 Molesworth St.
Kansas	Arthur H. Strickland	Topeka, 320 West 8th. St.
Kentucky	A. E. Orton	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens Jr.	New Orleans, 333 St. Charles St.
Maine	Earle D. Webster	Portland, Masonic Temple
Manitoba	Thos. C. Jackson	Winnipeg 2, Masonic Temple
Maryland	Claude Shaffer	Baltimore, Masonic Temple
Massachusetts	Earl W. Taylor	Boston 16, 51 Boylston Ave.
Mexico, Y.G.L.	Carl E. DeVries	Mexico 1, D.F.—Apartado 1986
Michigan	C. T. Sherman	Grand Rapids, Masonic Temple
Minnesota	D. E. Palmer	St. Paul, Masonic Temple
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian, P.O. Box 1030
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	St. Louis, 3681 Lindell Blvd.
Montana	Byron F. Gaither	Helena, P.O. Box 1158
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Omaha, 401 Masonic Temple
Netherlands	Dr. P. J. VanLoo	The Hague, Fluwelen Burgwal 22
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City, P.O. Box 467
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 430
New Hampshire	Harold O. Cady	Concord, P.O. Box 299
New Jersey	H. C. Whildey	Trenton 10, 100 Willow St.
New Mexico	Chandler C. Thomas	Albuquerque, P.O. Box 535
New South Wales	James S. Miller	Sydney, 279 Castlereagh St.
New York	Edward R. Carman	New York 10, 71 West 23rd St.
New Zealand	F. G. Northern	Wellington, P.O. Box 1833
North Carolina	W. L. McIver	Raleigh, P.O. Box 3068
North Dakota	Harold S. Pond	Fargo, P.O. Box 1269
Norway	Odd Lie-Davidsen	Oslo, N. Voldgate 19
Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax, P.O. Box 214
Ohio	H. S. Johnson	Cincinnati, 2-317 East 5th St.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Oklahoma	J. F. Latham	Guthrie, Masonic Temple
Oregon	H. D. Proudfoot	Portland, 1119 S.W. Park
Panama	Nathan A. Reid	Panama, Apartado 84
Paraiba	Arnaldo I. Sales	Paraiba, P.O. Box 3 Joro Pessar (Brazil)
Pennsylvania	George A. Avery	Philadelphia 7, Masonic Temple
Phillippines	Mauro Baradi	Manila, 1440 San Marcelino
Prince Edward Island	F. A. VanIderstine	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112
Puerto Rico	Emiliano Isales	P.O. Box 8385, Santurce, San Juan.
Quebec	R. W. Louthood	Montreal, 1559 St. Marks St.
Queensland	V. J. Carter	Brisbane, Box 675K, G.P.O.
Rhode Island	N. Arthur Hyland	Providence, Masonic Temple
Rio de Janeiro	Miguel Claro	Rio de Janeiro, P.O. Box 2215
Santa Domingo	J. M. Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robt. A. Tate	Regina, Masonic Temple
Sao Paulo	Henrique Smith	Sao Paulo, P.O. Box 8348
Scotland	Dr. Alex. F. Buchan	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Australia	F. J. Ellen	Adelaide, Box 19, Rundle St. P.O.
South Carolina	H. F. Collins	Columbia, 502 Palmetto State Life Bldg.
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls, P.O. Box 468
Tasmania	H. A. Wilkinson	Hobart, 117 Macquarrie St.
Tennessee	Thos. E. Doss	Nashville 2, P.O. Box 216
Texas	Harvey C. Byrd	Waco, P.O. Box 446
Utah	E. R. Gibson	Salt Lake City, 650 E. South Temple St.
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington, Masonic Temple
Victoria	C. W. Davis	Melbourne, 25 Collins St.
Virginia	James N. Hillman	Richmond, Masonic Temple
Washington	J. I. Preisener	Tacoma 3, Masonic Temple
West Virginia	J. B. Hollingsworth	Charleston 28, P.O. Box 2346
Western Australia	N. J. Munro	Perth, Box d-117 G.P.O.
Wisconsin	P. W. Grossenbach, Jr.	Milwaukee, 705 E. Wells St.
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper, P.O. Box 459

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Montgomery	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	W. H. Jackson	Innisfail	Mar. 19, 1954
Alpina (Switzerland)	Wm. Planta	Berne	Sept. 2, 1941
Argentina	Cesar de Madariaga	Buenos Aires	Apr. 21, 1954
Arizona	Rev. R. S. Calder	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	C. F. Dorough	Conway	Aug. 12, 1955
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1940
Canada (In Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto	Mar. 22, 1944
Chile	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Humbert Rees	Rifle	Oct. 12, 1955
Connecticut	F. M. Ross	Waterbury	June 6, 1955
Costa Rica	M. J. Piza Gabriel	Cartago	Dec. 18, 1952
Cuba	T. E. Sierra	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 4, 1946
District of Columbia	Convass B. Dean	Arlington (Va.)	Aug. 8, 1949
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Florida	Norman F. Six	Tampa	June 20, 1955
France, G.L.	B. Thiriat Maurice	Paris	1945
France, N.G.L.	G. H. Hargreaves	Paris	Feb. 22, 1952
Guatemala	D. W. Orbough	Guatemala City	May 23, 1954
Georgia	H. Sol. Clark	Savannah	Oct. 5, 1953
Honduras	J. M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois			
Indiana	Guy L. Roberts	Indianapolis	Sept. 15, 1951
Iowa	C. D. Jory	Sheldon	May 20, 1953
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Homer C. Anderson	Topeka	Mar. 8, 1951
Kentucky	F. W. Gallagher	Louisville	Oct. 15, 1953
Louisiana	Luther W. Griffis	New Orleans	Aug. 8, 1955
Maine	Geo. R. Caswell	Augusta	Apr. 14, 1952
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Roger A. Vint	Malden	Nov. 28, 1950
Mexico, Y. G. L.	H. S. Golding	Mexico, D. F.	May 15, 1954
Michigan	Joseph L. Hunter	Beaverton	Nov. 12, 1954
Minnesota	C. E. Hegman	Edina	June 27, 1949
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	Apr. 19, 1932
Missouri	H. C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	J. C. Haglund	Cut Bank	June 15, 1954
Nebraska	E. C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1943
Netherlands	Dr. M. Ten Cate	Amsterdam	Apr. 16, 1948
Nevada	S. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	Apr. 14, 1939
New Hampshire	D. W. Hopkins	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	Evi Ware	Pleasantville	May 22, 1956
New Mexico	J. G. Benton	Jal	Dec. 4, 1945
New South Wales	S. A. Taplan	Drummoyne	Aug. 5, 1947
New York	B. L. Rodee	Canton	Oct. 1, 1954
New Zealand	R. W. Carpenter	Hawk's Bay	Mar. 4, 1948
North Carolina	W. F. Owens		1946
North Dakota	Harold S. Pond	Fargo	Mar. 4, 1953
Norway	Christian Brun	Oslo	Mar. 21, 1956
Nova Scotia	Rev. D. M. Sinclair	Halifax	Dec. 31, 1954
Ohio	F. R. Dwyer	Bradford	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma	J. Gard Duncan	Wapanucka	Dec. 31, 1946
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Andres Mojica	Panama	Jan. 20, 1953
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico	Leon G. Reyes	Caguas	May 4, 1945

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Prince Edward Island	Frank S. Myers	Crapaud	June 20, 1953
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	W. P. Walker	Brisbane	Dec. 28, 1955
Rhode Island	H. V. Allen	Warwick	July 29, 1948
Rio de Janeiro	Arthur R. Guimares	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 6, 1954
Sao Paulo	Mauricio Utechitel	Sao Paulo	July 27, 1951
Saskatchewan	F. C. Hayes	Swift Current	July 23, 1945
Scotland	D. M. Watson	Glasgow	Aug. 19, 1948
South Australia	H. C. Souter	Adelaide	May 13, 1954
South Carolina	Wm. W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	Jess. H. Thorpe	Watertown	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	Apr. 24, 1928
Tennessee	H. H. Harter	Clarksville	Mar. 2, 1953
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah	J. W. Buck	Park City	Oct. 4, 1945
Vermont	A. H. Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan. 5, 1944
Victoria	E. J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	Hugh Reid	Arlington	Nov. 21, 1949
Washington	G. L. Buck	Seattle	Mar. 1, 1951
West Virginia	C. C. Dunaway	Charleston	Nov. 12, 1955
Western Australia	T. H. Bath	Perth	Dec. 13, 1946
Wisconsin	R. H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

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Grand Lodge	Representatives	Address	Date
Alabama	B. Warkentin	Beausejour	Mar. 24, 1948
Alberta	H. M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	S. H. Fahrni	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 16, 1952
Argentina	J. F. Irwin	Neepawa	May 19, 1954
Arizona	A. D. Blair	Alexander	Aug. 6, 1953
Arkansas	George H. Lucas	Bissett	Aug. 20, 1952
British Columbia	J. C. Grant	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1945
Canada (Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sep. 13, 1940
Chile	H. Bookhalter	Winnipeg	
Colombia	C. R. Beswatherick	Russell	
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	N. C. Law	Winnipeg	Jan. 26, 1954
Costa Rica	J. D. Lloyd	Emerson	Feb. 7, 1949
Cuba	W. P. White	Winnipeg	Mar. 16, 1954
Delaware	J. G. Wiechman	Treherne	Mar. 18, 1952
Denmark	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1951
District of Columbia	A. C. Cabel	Winnipeg	Aug. 5, 1949
Ecuador	S. W. Robertson	Winnipeg	Apr. 26, 1946
England	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	Feb. 3, 1954
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	Apr. 30, 1945
France, N.G.L.	Chas. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar. 3, 1937
France, G.L.	John Norquay	Winnipeg	
Guatemala	Robert Wood	Minnedosa	Jan. 12, 1951
Georgia	W. A. Prugh	Brandon	June 5, 1947
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	S. J. Sametz	Winnipeg	Mar. 7, 1949
Illinois	W. R. Leslie	Morden	June 21, 1931
Indiana	R. E. Emmett	St. James	Apr. 3, 1944
Iowa	G. A. McMorran	Souris	May 28, 1953
Ireland	H. Coddington	Winnipeg	Oct. 14, 1950
Kansas	John Cuthill	Reston	Feb. 27, 1953
Kentucky	J. D. McKinlay	Winnipeg	May 23, 1951
Louisiana	Chas. E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Winnipeg	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland	David Ferguson	Moosehorn	Nov. 5, 1945
Massachusetts	P. G. Hawkins	Winnipeg	Jan. 17, 1951
Mexico, Y.G.L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	A. J. Sawatzky	Morris	May 23, 1949
Minnesota	F. H. Blythe	Winnipeg	Feb. 5, 1952
Mississippi	J. Reid Glenn	Winnipeg	Dec. 20, 1951
Missouri	T. C. Jackson	Winnipeg	Mar. 9, 1953
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	N. Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951
Netherlands	W. E. Glover	Roland	May 2, 1953
Nevada	J. P. Mowat	Winnipeg	June 30, 1950
New Brunswick	R. A. McKenzie	Roland	May 16, 1949
New Hampshire	W. D. G. Runions	Winnipeg	Nov. 22, 1948
New Jersey	Dave Rothstein	Winnipeg	Feb. 20, 1953
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 10, 1937
New South Wales	I. Zipursky	Winnipeg	July 21, 1953
New York	J. C. Bate	Killarney	Mar. 26, 1956
New Zealand	S. Burland	St. Vital	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robt. Peel	Miniota	Sept. 4, 1941
North Dakota	W. C. McDonald	Roland	Feb. 28, 1953
Norway	Walle Larsson	Winnipeg	Apr. 25, 1952
Nova Scotia	D. S. Woods	St. Vital	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	A. E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
Oklahoma	D. W. Smith	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 16, 1950
Oregon	S. H. Dayton	Newdale	Mar. 2, 1956
Panama	Walter Dalzell	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 10, 1951
Paraiba	E. S. Reeves	Charleswood	Apr. 21, 1956

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Philippines			
Puerto Rico	G. V. Henderson	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	F. B. Lynes	Crystal City	June 3, 1948
Quebec	H. T. Waters	Winnipeg	May 17, 1940
Queensland	R. Collier	Winnipeg	Mar. 16, 1956
Rhode Island	J. R. C. Evans	Brandon	Oct. 18, 1945
Rio de Janeiro	H. L. Morrow	Melita	May 10, 1953
Santa Domingo	E. L. White	Winnipeg	1953
Saskatchewan	H. H. Gray	Winnipeg	Nov. 10, 1948
Scotland	Wm. Douglas	Winnipeg	Feb. 11, 1936
Sao Paulo	E. B. Litz	Rathwell	Aug. 20, 1951
South Australia	J. J. Allen	Winnipeg	Feb. 21, 1950
South Carolina	W. M. Frame	Souris	Mar. 27, 1953
South Dakota	A. S. McCann	Winnipeg	Feb. 27, 1956
Tasmania	T. L. Dodsworth	Winnipeg	July 21, 1945
Tennessee	J. S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Winnipeg	Feb. 14, 1941
Utah	D. MacDonald	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont	E. M. Finkleman	Winnipeg	Apr. 30, 1956
Victoria	A. R. Dick	W.Kildonan	Apr. 8, 1953
Virginia	Clarence Hyde	Portage la Prairie	Nov 25, 1948
Washington	A W. Bodkin	Napinka	May 29, 1956
West Virginia	B. S. Parker	Winnipeg	May 10, 1954
Western Australia	J. B. McClure	St. Vital	Sept. 17, 1948
Wisconsin	N. M. Hall	Winnipeg	May 7, 1945

MASONIC REVIEWS
1955-1956
REPORT OF COMMITTEE
HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

The following reviews cover
all Grand Lodge Proceedings received
to June 1st, 1956

CANADA (*in Ontario*) 1955.

This year was the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario) and a most outstanding celebration it was. Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance from 49 Grand Jurisdictions as well as representation from the Scottish Rite and Royal Arch Masons. The whole Communication was a complete success and Ontario may be justly proud of their efforts in this respect and of their Masonic record. Their membership has grown apace being at the end of 1954, 130,177 in 591 lodges with five more Under Dispensation. They are very sound financially and might well be proud of their work in Benevolence and Charity. We read with interest the "Foreword" of M.W. Bro. Frank A. Copus and it is much worthwhile to follow his advice in the reading of certain other proceedings. The Reviews themselves are most enlightening and generous. In the Appendix of the Proceedings will be found a fine sermon by Bro. Rev. W. H. Young, "Mind the Light," given at the Outdoor Service at which there were approximately some 25,000 members and their families present. There is also a report of the Grand Master's Luncheon with some 3,300 brethren joining to enjoy their fellowship and listen to a very fine address by M.W. Bro. E. Meyer of California. Our congratulations to Grand Master Hearn and Grand Secretary Dixon on the success of their efforts.

ALABAMA, Grand Master, 1955

Masonically and materially, the year has been a good one, and we are under every obligation to return profound and grateful thanks to the Grand Master of us all for the many evidences of His continued favor in the blessings bestowed upon us, personally and as a Fraternity.

Masonry has always stood, and if it would serve its purposes, must continue to stand for the highest individual development and the largest personal liberty of man, in his search for individual happiness. That man may rightfully develop along God-intended lines, Masonry has ever stood for the highest and broadest individual education and the inculcation of strict and scientific moral principle. Looking then, as is our bounden duty to do, at the far side of near things, and at the near side of far things, we must realize that there are other and opposing forces at work in the world which consistently move forward in the direct line of man's suppression and subjection in his individual capacity.

ALBERTA, 1954-5

The City of Calgary was the scene of the 50th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge when M.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson gave a full review of a busy year, reminding the brethren that this was the Jubilee year of both their Province and their Grand Lodge. Total membership as at December 31st, 1954, was 17,334 in 159 Chartered Lodges, a net increase of 358 over 1953. On July 5th, 1954, the Finance Committee carried out the direction of Grand Lodge and took out two Public Liability insurance policies, one for general liability and the other for non-owned automobile liability. In each case these are Master policies and all constituent lodges have the right to be joined in the protection offered. At April 30th, 1955, less than 50% of the lodges have taken advantage of the protection offered. The 50th Anniversary of this Grand Lodge was celebrated in Edmonton on October 14th by a special communication, with M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert, Grand Master, presiding. Bro. Field Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis, former Governor-General of Canada, brought a message from the United Grand Lodge of England. Principal speaker during the afternoon was M.W. Bro. Gilbert Blackstock, who had been guest speaker at the 25th Anniversary. M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas of Manitoba was guest speaker at the banquet.

ARIZONA, 1955

The address by the Grand Orator asks the question, "Are we making Masons?" He points out that a Mason is not made by having them memorize a part of the work without imparting a desire for knowledge. I quote, "One of the early things learned in a Masonic career is that when the lodge meets it is at labor—the charter of a lodge empowers it to do Masonic work. He must be proficient in the work of each degree before he assumes the responsibility of the next. Certain duties are imposed on him. He must earn his wages. In short, learning the symbols and their connections and relations to human endeavor, means work. This embraces the whole of Man's Life—social, private, political and economic. This is a large undertaking which is too often given slight attention, and his life as a Mason, is to say the least, ineffective."

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1955

In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I note by the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters that in most cases they instal the officers of the lodges. This appears to be a considerable undertaking. Their districts would appear to be much better divided than ours as there are about eight lodges in each district. Five new lodges were Constituted and Dispensations issued to six more. This will indicate that Masonry is thriving in British Columbia.

CONNECTICUT, 1955

There is an excellent review in the Appendix to the Proceedings of many other Grand Jurisdictions not only in the United States but throughout the world. These reports cover some sixty-five pages of fine print and many are given in considerable detail. Many hours of work must have gone into their preparation. A perusal of them shows common problems throughout the Craft. The history of Freemasonry in Connecticut during the revolutionary war by James R. Case, Grand Historian, is informative. It deals with the happenings in the lodges and the activities of many of the personnel during that period.

DELAWARE, 1955

One gathers from the Delaware report that Masonry is thriving there.

The Committee on History and Research gives the interesting history of Victor Maurice Dupont. If anyone is interested in the history of the man who made Delaware a chemical centre this article will prove to be interesting reading. Delaware, in common with many Grand Lodges, has devoted considerable work to reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions. They have, however, classified theirs under various headings and reprinted comments pertaining to particular subjects. I take it from the proceedings of Delaware and also from other Grand Jurisdictions that they are having considerable difficulty getting their members to pass the proficiency examinations in the Master Mason degree. It would seem from reading the proceedings that while they do get up the work of the first two Degrees many do not bother to do any more.

GEORGIA, 1955

The total number of lodges and members as at June 30th, 1955, was 474, and 95,301, a net increase of one lodge and 2,401 members respectively for the year. M.W. Bro. G. P. Whitman, concluded an excellent address as follows: "We shall continue to build with wide walls, the house of our Masonic life in this Grand Jurisdiction; the North wall of Love, against the winds of fate; the South of Tolerance, that we may outreach hate; the East of Faith that rises clear with each new day; the West of Hope that e'en can die a glorious way; the threshold 'neath our feet, Humility; the roof, the very sky itself—Infinity."

IDAHO, Grand Master, 1955

It was the request of the Grand Master that in place of reports of lodges being read from a questionnaire compiled by lodge secretaries, that each Master present a three- to five-minute talk on the work, special activities and plans of his lodge. With few exceptions the talks showed careful preparation, were ably presented and through them many good suggestions were passed on to other lodges. For their part, so very capably performed in district meetings, I compliment the Worshipful Masters throughout the Jurisdiction.

Masonry must be kept active and strong if it is to do its share in this rapidly changing age to keep our spiritual development abreast and in control of our material and technological development. Man is rapidly being given a greater insight into the secrets of nature, and with this goes an increased responsibility. The material developments we are permitted to enjoy can, if respected, be a great blessing, but if abused may be an even greater curse.

To fulfil our Masonic responsibility we must live the fundamentals on which our great fraternity is founded. To keep our Masonry strong and healthy it must be used in our daily living. It is our heritage, and its strength was developed by founding nations, defending liberty and the dignity of man. It has grown strong and thrived upon problems and struggle. It is our obligation to pass it on unimpaired, and to keep it strong it must be used in our daily lives.

INDIANA, 1955

Grand Master E. C. Forks has given a very full and complete report of his stewardship. The Grand Lodge is financially and numerically strong. It has a net membership increase of 2264, making a total of 180,876 distributed among 544 lodges. The Grand Secretary had this to say about Public Liability insurance. "The matter of Public Liability insurance for the subordinate lodges of Indiana is, in my opinion, one of primary importance. It is my conviction that the Grand Lodge should take the lead in making this insurance available. I do not believe we can afford to wait until by the slow process of education, each lodge is adequately protected. Some day I fear there will be a tragedy, and then we will hasten frantically to lock the barn door after the horse has been stolen." As a matter of information, Comprehensive Liability insurance plans have been adopted in Canada by Alberta and Nova Scotia.

LOUISIANA, 1955

Grand Master Louis A. Legett's report to Grand Lodge gave a very fine account of his stewardship. From it, "There is a tremendous power in our Order that lies dormant. We pray God's help to bring out this strength for the good of mankind."

MICHIGAN, 1955

We note in the report of the Fraternal Relations Committee that on March 26, 1955, the Grand Master and some Grand Lodge Officers of the Philippines would travel to Tokyo to raise Prime Minister Hatoyama. The Michigan report is very factual. All Masonic activities are very well covered. In the business transactions I was interested, in a motion for a levy of two dollars per capita annually for a Masonic Home I was also interested in the remarks of M.W. Bro. Bonisteel, not with regard to the Home so much, but by the way he set out Masonic duty. It is not our intention to reproduce his remarks here. If anyone is interested they will be rewarded by looking them up in the Proceedings.

MISSISSIPPI, Grand Master, 1955

In the short space of a few hours I will take my place in the ranks of the brethren, but before I do, please let me exhort you to go *forward*. Forward is the watchword of progress for the world, and of salvation for the soul. Obedience to that command makes all the difference between success and failure, triumphs, and defeat, salvation and perdition. All the generations who have gone before send back the cry, "*Go forward*," press toward the mark, forgetting the things behind, reach forth to those before. Do your duty now, for the time is short, and opportunities once lost may never return. Go forward to meet the opportunities of life, for many occasions will come to us all in the ordinary course of our lives, wherein we can act as nobly as though we led armies, sat in senates, or ruled the nations of the world. Many occasions will come in which we may restrain our passions, subdue our hearts to gentleness and patience, resign our own interest for another's advantage, speak words of kindness and wisdom, raise the fallen, cheer the fainting and sick in spirit, and soften the grief and sorrows of our mortal lot. To every Mason there will come opportunities to serve mankind—not for personal glory or gratification, but for the good of the human race. To such a destiny, my brethren, let us all aspire. These laws of Masonry let us all strive to obey. And so may our hearts become true temples of the Living God. And may He encourage our zeal, sustain our hopes, and give us success.

MISSOURI, 1955

This Grand Lodge had a total membership as at September 10th, 1955, of 123,013, distributed among 594 lodges, divided into 59 Districts. Grand Master Orestes Mitchell Jr. has had a busy year handling all business in a dexterous manner. The proceedings of this Grand Lodge contain 107 pages entitled "The Masonic World," by Ray V. Denslow, P.G.M. As the title would imply, it is a review of the condition of Freemasonry in many parts of the world—a most interesting and informative piece of work that merits every good Mason's attention.

MONTANA, 1955

The first thing I observe in the Montana proceedings is that the reviews of other Grand Jurisdictions are made by the Grand Representative and as a consequence the review is much more complete. In the report on correspondence I note the following, "Relations in the world between nations are somewhat similar to the relations between Grand Jurisdictions in the world. For one thing, we exchange ambassadors with the jurisdictions we recognize. We call them Grand Representatives." Further on the report states, "We are trying to raise the level of a Grand Representative from one who is just coming to Grand Lodge and has a recommendation made that he is Grand Representative and has his Commission, to that of being an active ambassador of the Grand Lodge which has appointed him to Montana Grand Lodge." While this report indicated that not all representatives completed their review yet there are sufficient of them to convince me that it was a good idea. The job could be done much more thoroughly and it would give the Grand representative a feeling that he actually had a duty to the Grand Lodge he represents.

NEBRASKA, 1955

The Grand Master in his report on the state of the Craft noted that large lodges in Lincoln and Omaha had developed certain weaknesses. His remarks were as follows, "There, the difficulties of transportation from home to lodge and the attendant parking problems for motor vehicles are becoming more and more pronounced. In addition, the opportunities for active participation as a lodge officer are diminished as

the size of the lodge increases resulting in some loss of interest in the rank and file of the membership. I am informed that the membership in Masonic lodges in the City of London seldom exceeds one hundred. While I do not propose that we should limit the size of our subordinate lodges, I do feel that the formation of additional lodges which will meet in the suburban areas of our metropolitan centres should be encouraged." It seems to me that we here in Winnipeg should give some thought to the same problem. The Nebraska report records an address by the Grand Orator entitled, "Three Pillars," in which he deals with "The Home" as a pillar of Citizenship, "The School" as a pillar of Masonic Truth and a warranty of Democratic Citizenship, and "The Church" as the pillar of The Presence of God and a symbol of Divine Providence. Anyone wishing to prepare an address can get good material from this address.

NEVADA, 1955

Grand Master H. M. Wilson officially visited every lodge in the Jurisdiction, having but two joint meetings. The Proceedings contain no excerpts or quotations from other Grand Lodge Proceedings. They do, however, contain a very full account of the activities of the Grand Lodge of Nevada including a complete return for all the constituent lodges.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1955

The Grand Master indicated in his report a very heavy year's work. He visited every lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction, forty one in all. He expressed the belief that smaller lodges in the larger cities would be beneficial. It would appear from their report that only the four principal officers are elected, the rest, including the District Deputy Grand Master, being appointed.

NEW SOUTH WALES, Grand Master, 1955

During the past year we have had a steady increase in membership, fourteen new lodges have been consecrated and others have been approved. Once more, however, I wish to emphasize that we must not be satisfied with mere

numbers in our lodges. I find that in practically every lodge there are far too many inactive members. Last year I issued a challenge to all lodges to check over their list of members and endeavour to regain the active interest of those who had fallen out. We must do everything possible to retain and increase the active participation in the affairs of the lodge of all of our brethren, and especially to encourage the younger members. I do pass that on to all lodges and the Masters who are responsible for their control. If we all carry out our share of the work to be done, unselfishly and with enthusiasm, then we can look forward to another year of achievement and progress.

NEW YORK, 1955

Grand Master R. C. Ellis, in delivering his Annual Address followed the modern trend in speech-making with quality ahead of quantity. From his Address we quote: "While the present holds a clear debt of gratitude to the past, and no organization a greater debt than the Masonic Fraternity, we should never forget that we have a heavy debt to the future, and that the only manner in which we can pay that debt is so to live, that the world will be better because of the short space of time we are on this earth. We might do well to bear in mind that no one ever owns anything of a material nature. We are only Custodians of the things which we seem to possess. We cannot take them with us. All that we can take into the greater and the fuller life in the Invisible Universe that lies ahead is the sum total of what we have given away in this life, of our time, of our effort, of our substance, of ourselves. What we give away we keep, and what we keep, we lose. The wealth of the Masonic Fraternity rests not in the material things which it possesses, but in the service which it has rendered to ideals that are basic and fundamental in this world.

NEW ZEALAND, Grand Master, 1954

Pessimists tell us that in the present generation, as a consequence of the unsettling effects of the great wars, moral values have been lost or debased and that the world is adrift, without chart or compass, not knowing whither it is going. Truly the moral loss has been great, first because of the loss in war of so many of the bravest and wisest young men, who, had they lived, would have given to this generation the

inspiring leadership in thought and action that it so tragically lacks today. Secondly, there are whole sections of certain nations who have been reduced to such a state of impoverishment that multitudes of men are ready to follow any leader who promises them their daily bread. In such times false prophets arise and war lords find ready recruits for their predatory armies. Thus, a malign power has arisen which everywhere threatens free men with enslavement by force of arms and with the insidious undermining of their faith by a deceptive and treacherous doctrine. For it has of necessity ever been the policy of despotic rulers to withdraw everywhere the sight of freedom from the eyes of the people whose bodies and souls they have enslaved.

In these distracting times, what is our duty as Freemasons. Surely it is, with steady faith, to hold fast to the fundamental precepts and tenets of Freemasonry and to exemplify them in our daily lives. Freemasonry is a pure and ennobling code of morals; its landmarks are the ramparts of freedom; and these we maintain if we regulate our conduct by the study and practice of its precepts and tenets, which cover the whole range of our moral, social and civic duties. Thus, we are enjoined to study the Volume of the Sacred Law, which teaches our duty to God, to our neighbours, and to ourselves. As citizens of the world we are required to pay obedience to the ordinances of the realm and never to countenance any act that may tend to subvert the peace and good order of society. In our obligation we have vowed to respect the sanctity of the family, which is the basis of the State. As individuals we are taught to cultivate the four cardinal virtues: prudence to direct us, temperance to restrain us, fortitude to support us, and justice as the guide to all our actions. In relation to non-Masons we are charged to afford by the regularity of our behaviour the best example for the conduct of others. Above all, we are urged to practise the truly Masonic virtues of benevolence and charity.

Freemasonry is defined as a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It may be not unprofitable to glance at this aspect of Freemasonry—namely, its use of symbolism as an instrument of illustration and expression. Allegory and symbolism, in fact, constitute a special language by which Freemasonry teaches and brings home to us moral truths in a way that we cannot fail to comprehend and appreciate and that we can never forget. Which of us, for example, can ever forget the lesson that we learned at the north-east corner of the Lodge when we first heard the moving charity charge? Again, what better

symbol is there than the S. to represent uprightness or than the L. to represent equality? Learned men tell us that in all languages the words denoting moral qualities, which though invisible and intangible conceptions of the mind, yet are real things, were originally words denoting visible and tangible things, but used figuratively. Thus they declare that the word "right" originally meant "straight," and the word "wrong" originally meant "twisted" or "crooked," and that English people deemed these epithets the most appropriate to distinguish honourable from dishonourable conduct. Although the original meanings of those two words have been forgotten, the association of moral right with straightness and of moral wrong with crookedness is still retained in everyday language. When we hear that one man is straight and that another is crooked in his dealings, we know perfectly well what is meant. Indeed, to call a man a crook or a twister is more forceful than to say that he is dishonest.

Thus, in using appropriate symbols in a figurative sense to signify moral qualities, Freemasonry is logically following the process by which all language has been developed. Moreover, even from the history of such words as "right" and "wrong" it is plain that throughout the ages there has been implanted in the minds of men a conscience capable of discriminating between the morally good and the morally evil; although men perceive and approve the right course of action, but too often choose the wrong.

The chief metaphor in the language of Freemasonry is of course the word Freemason itself. We are speculative, not operative Masons—that is, builders in a figurative sense, builders of character. The foundation stone of a building is laid in the north-east corner, and it is surely of paramount significance to us that in building character the corner-stone is charity. And here let us remind ourselves that charity is not only the giving of material aid to poor and distressed brethren; it embraces also charitableness in word and thought towards all men.

Freemasonry not only builds the character of its members: it has also built a great and influential institution, as it were a temple the stones of which are individual Freemasons. It has been said that out of the same material some men build a hovel and some build a temple. How careful, therefore, must we ever be in selecting for membership only men who are free and of good report and in shaping their character! How important, too, is the injunction to preserve the ancient landmarks of the Craft sacred and inviolate, and never to

suffer an infringement of our rites or deviation from established usage and custom! For only by preserving the principles of Freemasonry in their purity and by practising its precepts in our lives can we as Freemasons extend our influence among them.

A well-known writer has condensed for us into a few lines the main theme that I have at some length been endeavouring to expound:

> These things shall be; a glorious race that e'er the world has known shall rise
> With flame of freedom in their souls and light of knowledge in their eyes.
> Nation with nation, land with land shall be
> As comrades free; in every heart and brain shall throb the pulse of one fraternity.
> So mote it be.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1955

It is with interest we note that M.W. Bro. J.R.C. Evans was guest speaker at the Grand Lodge dinner. M.W. Bro. Evans' speech is printed in full and we have reason to feel proud of his contribution to that Grand Lodge. The address by the Grand Orator entitled "Overlooking the Obvious" is excellent. We would like to reproduce it here but space will not permit. One short paragraph must suffice. "It is incumbent upon us to judge ourselves more severely and to attempt very deliberately upon the basis of that judgment to eliminate our own shortcomings that are creating the confusion and bewilderment in which we live."

NOVA SCOTIA, 1955

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was well and truly served by J. S. Munro, M.D., Grand Master. He had an extremely busy year having visited 79 lodges in the province, several of them, two or three times, including twelve District Meetings. "Our Home"— the Grand Master stated "I am satisfied that if we as Masons did nothing else but maintain this Home for our aged guests—47 in all, brothers and sisters —our existence would be justifiable." Public Liability Policy—Acting on the instructions of Grand Lodge at its last session, a policy covering all lodges has been placed, to run for three years from December 1st, 1954. The cost per member is five cents per year; most of the lodges have paid the premium for three years.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1955

Grand Master Malcolm Mackenzie in his Address gave an excellent outline of the individual duties and responsibilities of each member of the Craft, that the Craft spread the cement of faith and goodwill. It was fitting that the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island should meet in the City of Charlottetown the year it celebrated its One Hundredth Anniversary of Incorporation. The oldest lodge in the Jurisdiction was established in this City in 1797.

QUEBEC, 1955

I note from the Quebec report that for the first time the District of Quebec and Three Rivers, which is all one district, had two District Deputy Grand Masters. R.W. Bro. Hodge, one of the deputies reports as follows: "The work of this District has this year, for the first time in history, been divided between two District Deputy Grand Masters and it is interesting to know that your Deputies feel that the arrangement has worked well. It has been possible for us to visit the lodges more than once during the year: the District Deputies have become better known throughout the District, and so the contact of the lodges with Grand Lodge has been much closer than has been possible in former years." This could be a solution to some of our difficulties in Manitoba.

RHODE ISLAND, 1955

Grand Master B. B. Abedon in his address made reference to lotteries and other games of chance—being conducted in Masonic Temples. He said among other things, "I hope and trust, for all concerned in this Grand Jurisdiction, that these practices will cease immediately so it will not be necessary to issue an edict that subordinate lodges will not be allowed to meet in Temples where these are allowed and continued."

SASKATCHEWAN, 1955

Grand Master R. E. Partridge has given a clear and concise report of his stewardship during his year in Office. Saskatchewan's Golden Jubilee Year—The Grand Master stated, "In this Golden Jubilee Anniversary year of the formation of our province, we are impressed by the fact that many members of our Order, from the early pioneers to our

latest citizens have contributed in large measure to its proud history." The total membership as at February 28th, 1955, was 17,546, in 204 Chartered Lodges.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1955

This Grand Lodge meets twice annually and the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. the Hon. Sir Geoffrey Reed, was re-elected as Grand Master at the meeting on April 20th, 1955. The total membership is about 25,000, in 188 Lodges—the average membership per lodge is 133, with only two lodges having more than 300 members. The reviews of other Grand Lodges is very fine, and we were pleased that our Representative in South Australia wrote such a fine review on Manitoba, 1954.

VERMONT, 1955

We note from the Vermont proceedings that there is a slight decrease in the number of members. The Grand Master points out that theirs was the only Jurisdiction in North America to have a decrease. Having this matter in mind the Grand Master in his address proceeds as follows: "The final channel of my thinking which I wish to discuss with you runs in what might well be more controversial waters. As those of you who are Vermont Masons know, in our District Meetings last fall I discussed, rather briefly, the tradition that no one may be invited to join a Masonic Lodge. It has been my feeling and that of a number with whom the matter has been discussed that all too often the tradition has been honored in the breach rather than in the observance. And yet we keep hearing of good men, able and prominent men, who have grieved through the years, because their friends did not ask them to join, and they never found out, or too late, why. I opened the question of a controlled system of invitation. I did so with a certain feeling of hesitation, for our well known Vermont conservatism might very well be unalterably opposed to anything that sounded like an innovation. To my very considerable surprise, the idea seemed to take on. Many approved, only one member in all the series of meeting offered any disapproval; and in one District Meeting there was an absolute ovation. Many of the members rose and applauded, and after the meeting one old member told me that it was the first constructive idea he had heard in lodge for years. This reception naturally started me thinking all the more. Seeking a wider sounding

board, I asked our Grand Secretary, who is in accord with the idea, to request frank reactions, with no punches pulled, from the Grand Secretaries in the United States and Canada. Most of them have replied and I sincerely appreciate the courtesy of these Grand Secretaries. Most were opposed to the idea, some questioned it without indicating too strong a reaction, and a few more were sufficiently lukewarm as to indicate a willingness to discuss and consider. A few went so far as to indicate that the adoption of such a plan might imperil present fraternal relations. Bear in mind, I am not talking about a wide open dragooning of men from the streets into Masonic Lodges. I am talking about a carefully designed and a carefully controlled system of investigation and of thoughtful invitation. Quality is what we are seeking, not quantity, but all the quality we can find. Such a system would certainly give much better results than are sometimes obtained today through the oft-time casual and sometimes actually negligent work of the investigating committees in some of our lodges."

VICTORIA, Board of General Purposes, 1954

Paragraph 7 of the Report of the Board of General Purposes, dated 10th March, 1954, as printed and circulated, was as follows:

"The Board has decided that only the authorised or the revised versions of the Bible are to be used as Volumes of the Sacred Law in all Victorian Lodges. This includes presentations to newly raised Brethren."

This decision of the Board followed a request for permission to use more recent translations of the Bible as presentations to candidates, but in consequence of representations made on behalf of Jewish members of the Craft that, in the terms in which the decision was expressed, it could be interpreted as precluding a non-Christian candidate from taking his obligation on the particular Volume which imparted sanctity to an oath according to his Creed, Paragraph 7 of the Report was not submitted for adoption at the March Communication.

The Board has reviewed this matter with great care, and has obtained and considered the views of the United Grand Lodge of England upon the various aspects involved. It now expresses its decision in the following terms:

(1) In all Lodges under the Victorian Constitution, the Bible as the Volume of the Sacred Law should be part of the

furniture of the Lodge, and whilst the Lodge is at labor shall be open on the Master's pedestal, and shall support the Square and Compasses. Only the Authorised or the Revised versions of the Bible are to be used for this purpose.

(2) A candidate of other than the Christian faith must take his obligation on the Volume which he believes to be the inspired word of God, and whose contact makes his obligation binding on his conscience. If a Jewish candidate objects to being obligated on an Old Testament which forms part of a Christian Bible, he may be obligated on a Bible containing the Old Testament only. In no case, however, must the Bible which furnishes the Lodge be removed from the pedestal or in any way obscured.

(3) A candidate may be presented with the copy of the Volume upon which he was obligated. As any Christian candidate shall be obligated upon the Authorised or the Revised versions of the Bible, only such Versions may be presented to him.

WISCONSIN, 1955

In view of the fact that the Committee of Masonic Education in this Grand Jurisdiction is giving some thought to a better understanding of Masonic teachings with a view of holding the interest of the younger member I am interested in the report of the Education Committee in the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. They report as follows:

"In keeping with a policy decision of the Grand Lodge Officers, the Education Committee this year concentrated its efforts in a study and an approach to the adoption in Wisconsin of a so-called "Mentor System." Actually what is meant is a plan of supplementary Masonic education at the candidate level, not as a substitute for posting in the ritual, but as an additional vehicle providing basic Masonic education at a time when interest is paramount. Those who have been close to Masonic problems in our day are all agreed that ritualistic posting of candidates is no longer sufficient to insure continuing interest, nor to satisfy the intelligent curiosity of initiates. The full story of Masonry is beyond its ritual and lies in fields of Masonic principles, ideals and philosophies, Masonic traditions, usages and history and in many other related interests. It is in this area that the Mentor System intends to operate. The committee has experimented, studied and surveyed the subject intelligently and thoroughly over the past year. Their

report to come, excuses me here from further explanation. It is my belief that we are ready for the adoption of this system on a voluntary basis." The report sets out the mentor plan.

WYOMING, 1954

I note in going through the proceedings that Wyoming, in common with many other Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, has an Interim Committee on Public Schools.

The Interim Committee's recommendation to Grand Lodge is as follows: "That a standing Grand Lodge Committee on Public Schools be established by appointment by the incoming Grand Master. The first assignment of this Grand Lodge Committee will be to support and encourage the appointment of a Public Schools Committee in each subordinate lodge in Wyoming. Further it shall be the major assignment of the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Schools to carry *this message* to each individual lodge by qualified personal representative between adjournment of the Grand Lodge and the National Education Associations Schools Week in November." This message underlined above has reference to the stated aim and purpose of the Committee, "To create an awareness on the part of all Wyoming citizens of the problems and consequent need of our Public Schools alerting Masons particularly to an increased interest in the same." I was intrigued by the above recommendation as to me it appeared to be treading on dangerous ground so I followed it through and was glad to find the following in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence: "Your Committee respectfully disapproves of such recommendations." The Committee then quotes reasons and prints the following excerpt from a letter received on the matter as follows: "I think it is rather fundamental in Masonry that it should not as an institution deal directly in public affairs, politics and the government in general but that the result is to be accomplished by every Mason being taught that it is his duty as a citizen to think, act and support endeavours which make for the good of his community, his state and his nation. We should, therefore, I believe, be very careful to preserve this reputation and avoid the matter of being criticized for attempting to go outside and substitute organizational interest and promotion as distinguished from that of the individual Mason."

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee was accepted.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

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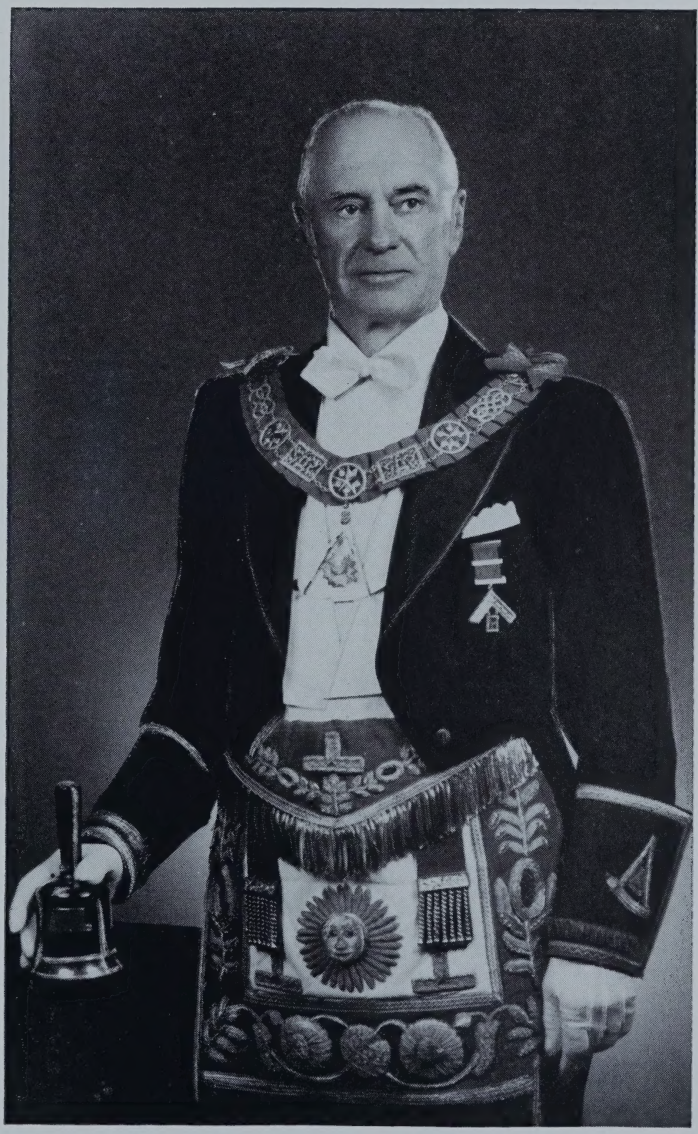

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Grand Master 1956-1957
Died December 15th, 1956

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

A.F. & A.M.

CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION AND CONSTITUTION OF WHEAT CITY LODGE No. 168, G.R.M.

At the City of Brandon, in the Province of Manitoba and within the Masonic Temple, 302 Eighth Street, Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., met on Thursday, June 28th, 1956, at 8.00 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of the Consecration and Constitution of Wheat City Lodge, Under Dispensation.

After the Lodge had been opened by the Worshipful Master of Wheat City Lodge, M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and welcomed, the Grand Master being invited to the East where he assumed the gavel.

Accompanying the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, were the following Grand Lodge Officers:

M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)..... Immediate Past Grand Master
R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141)..... Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)..... Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130)..... Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3)..... Grand Secretary
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)..... as Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4)..... G.D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Wm. Clyde (24)..... Senior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff (130)..... as Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald (4)..... as Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. J. A. Donogh (107)..... Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. I. L. Carlson (115)..... Grand Tyler

Also present were:

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans (113), P.G.M.
R. W. Bro. A. C. Slessor (111), P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. G. A. Taggart (82), P.D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. F. C. Willmott (158), P.D.D.G.M.

R.W. Bro. P. Hammonds, District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, presented a request to the Grand Master for the Ceremony of Consecration and Constitution of the Lodge, as a regular Chartered Lodge and the Grand Master signified his willingness to proceed with the Ceremony.

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, then read the Charter and after prayer by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, acting Grand Chaplain, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker, then formed the procession and accompanied by the Ark Bearers, the Deputy Grand Master as the bearer of the Vessel of Corn, the Senior Grand Warden as the bearer of the Vessel of Wine and the Junior Grand Warden as the bearer of the Vessel of Oil, the Grand Master, in a very impressive ceremony, Constituted and Consecrated Wheat City Lodge No. 168.

The Symbols were then removed and W.Bro. Malcolm Earl McKellar was then installed as Worshipful Master in full form and the following Officers invested in their respective Offices by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, assisted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker, M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans and R.W.Bro. F. C. Courtice.

R.W. Bro. John W. Johnston	Immediate Past Master
Bro. Wm. McCrory	Senior Warden
Bro. E. C. Tatton	Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh	Treasurer
R.W. Bro. J. W. Broatch	Secretary
Bro. B. J. Wallace	Senior Deacon
Bro. L. D. McDonald	Junior Deacon
W. Bro. I. S. Mackay	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. R. W. Brooks	Senior Steward
Bro. J. H. Wilson	Junior Steward
M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans	Chaplain
Bro. J. Down	Tyler

After thanking the Grand Lodge Officers and all others taking part the Grand Master in his closing remarks congratulated the Master, Officers and members of Wheat City Lodge No. 168 on being admitted to full membership in this Grand Jurisdiction and stated that if they continued to exemplify the well-known Principles of Freemasonry, it could not do other than augur well for the future of the Lodge.

Wheat City Lodge No. 168 was then closed by the newly-installed Master and his Officers, after which all took part in a very enjoyable banquet at which many messages of congratulation were conveyed by the Masters and representatives visiting from Sister Lodges.

Thos. C. Jackson

Grand Secretary.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

A.F. & A.M.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE—PORTAGE SECONDARY AREA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

Minutes of an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held in the Masonic Temple, Tupper Street, South in the City of Portage la Prairie, Province of Manitoba, at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29th, 1956.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24), Neepawa.....Grand Master
M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), St. James.....I.P.Grand Master
R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein (141), Winnipeg.....Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113), Brandon.....Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), Winnipeg.....Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), Winnipeg.....Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3), Winnipeg.....Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51), St. Vital.....Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker (4), Winnipeg.....G.D. of Ceremonies
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), St. Vital.....Grand Librarian
V.W. Bro. W. K. Clyde (24), Neepawa.....Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. G. W. Rattray (165), Fort Garry.....Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. I. L. Carlson (115), Winnipeg.....Grand Tyler
R.W. Bro. G. R. Hay (75), Austin.....D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District

Also present were M.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods, Past Grand Masters and some 150 brethren.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Grand Master, who explained this Emergent Communication had been convened for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of the new Collegiate School of the Portage la Prairie Secondary School, Area No. 1.

Grand Lodge was called off and a procession formed under the direction of R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site of the new School in the prescribed order. The Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. C. R. Newcombe, then offered prayer and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, read the following Scroll and list of contents deposited in the cavity of the stone:

HISTORIC SCROLL

LAYING OF CORNER STONE—PORTAGE SECONDARY AREA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MANITOBA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1956.

In the name of and by the favor of the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth on the 29th day of August, A.L. 5956, A.D. 1956, and in the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Most Excellent Majesty

ELIZABETH II

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

His Excellency The Right Honorable Vincent Massey, Governor-General of Canada.

The Right Honorable Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada.

His Honor J. S. McDiarmid, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

The Honorable Douglas L. Campbell, Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

The Most Worshipful J. Ferguson Irwin, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Right Worshipful David Rothstein, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Right Worshipful W. Albert Prugh, being Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Right Worshipful Wesley D. G. Runions, being Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Right Worshipful John P. Mowat, being Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Most Worshipful Thomas C. Jackson, being Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Right Worshipful Rev. Charles R. Newcombe, being Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Most Worshipful William Douglas, being Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Right Worshipful B. Stuart Parker, being Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Most Worshipful Harry B. Donnelly, being Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Right Worshipful George R. Hay, being District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Honorable W. C. Miller, Minister of Education of the Province of Manitoba.

W. Scott Bateman, Deputy Minister of Education of the Province of Manitoba.

Dr. C. M. Thomas, Chairman, Portage la Prairie Secondary School Area No. 1.

Smith, Carter & Katelnikoff, Architects, Winnipeg.

Heath Construction Limited, Port Arthur, Ont., Contractors.

Lawrence Smith, Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie.

N. K. Weber, Alderman of the City of Portage la Prairie.

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Mrs. F. B. C. Richardson
Mr. Clarence Yuill

The Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat, then deposited the box containing the Scroll and other contents and records in the cavity prepared for it in the Corner Stone.

THE CORNER STONE

The Corner Stone of the Collegiate School, Portage la Prairie, Secondary School Area No. 1, was laid by M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., according to rules and usages of our Ancient Craft, which may the Great Architect of the Universe ever bless and prosper.

The Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden applied the implements of their Office to the Stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

After the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens had poured out the corn, wine and oil, the Grand Master consecrated the Stone, pronouncing it correctly laid according to the rules and usages of our Ancient Craft, and may the blessing of Almighty God rest upon this undertaking.

PROCLAMATION

The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Corner Stone of the structure here erected had been proved secure, level and plumb, true and trusty, and laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft by the Grand Master.

ORATION—M.W. BRO. CHAS. E. COLE, P.G.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Dr. Thomas, Secretary of this Secondary Area School District No. 1, my Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is an historic occasion in the life of this community, urban and rural Portage la Prairie, and in the broader fields of Provincial Education, and we Freemasons are happy and proud to take part in the celebrations of this afternoon, by laying the Corner Stone of this new Portage Collegiate Institute, the first Secondary Area School in the Province. This did not just happen—a great deal of planning and of work, countless hours spent on detail and now the completed plan and building. Freemasons, as such, are charged to be exemplary in their civil duties and so we rejoice with others who have good reason to be proud of their achievement in the discharge of such duties. So to the School Trustees of different School Districts who first met and planned a Secondary Area School, to the Trustees and members of the Department of Education who worked to establish this scheme, to the ratepayers of urban and rural Portage la Prairie, who accepted it, and to the Area School Board that has carried it through to completion, we offer our heartiest congratulations. In union there is strength—this school is a result of united efforts, a school union to serve many districts. For many years I have thought that rural students, wherever it was at all possible, should have an equality with urban students for secondary education. When I was a member of the City School Board, I advocated that Portage should prepare for it, so it is an old dream come true to see this school that will serve a union of School Districts. And I know that the students from rural Portage will be a splendid strength and addition to our new Portage Collegiate Institute.

The question, no doubt, is in the minds of many of you. I have already been asked it—why are the Freemasons laying the Corner Stone. Different institutions do different things and in their own ways. Freemasons for a great many years with the dignified ceremonial you have just listened

to and witnessed, have been laying the Corner Stones of public buildings in many different countries. As an example, I will give you a structure you are all familiar with, a united effort of the French and American people—the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. I am going back to an earlier year in this history of Portage and quote you what was said on a similar occasion. On July 28th, 1881, John Hedley Bell, the then Grand Master of Masons in Manitoba, laid the Corner Stone of our present City Hall. On this occasion he said: "So long as the Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons has existed, it has been customary for it to conduct, pursuant to its decorous rites and ceremonies, the laying of the Corner Stones of public edifices." I have snooped around the City Hall but I could not find this stone; no doubt it will come to light when the City Hall is torn down as it soon will be. However, on that same day, Mr. Bell laid the Corner Stone of the Presbyterian Church and that stone is in the wall of the present Church, on the north side near the entrance.

As one who has spent nearly a quarter of a century as a School Trustee and thus gained a wide knowledge of the running of our schools, I would like to speak of three classes, that seems to be a good word when speaking about a school, management, teaching staff and the students.

Trustees voluntarily offer their services, as such, to the electors. They do not receive any financial recompense, in fact it always costs them, in one way or another, to be a Trustee. They do this in the time-honored way of our British heritage, to offer their services to the community in which they live, in which they find their livelihood and which is their own particular world. They will not always meet with your approval and you may take exception to some things they do. In such cases I would ask you to give them your co-operation, find out from them their side of the question that is on your mind, for you must obtain all sides of any question to come to a proper decision. The Trustees of this Area Board, urban and rural, have successfully finished in the completion of this school, work that took a great deal of time and thought. You have to be a Trustee to realize how much time and thought goes into even the simpler matters of their work. This has been a major project and I am sure this Area Community will be grateful to the Board who have successfully completed it. They are good citizens engaged in the fundamental and all-important work of proper school accommodation and better facilities for modern education.

The Teaching Staff: Your memory and mine go back to the teachers of our youth and the profound influence so many of them had on our lives. They did not only teach us from the printed book but they taught us something of themselves. Teaching staffs, no matter where they may be in this Canada of ours, have so much to do with the building of a better nation. I do not think that there are many teachers who take up this profession simply to get a livelihood. I am sure they must have a real regard for, and thus a better chance of understanding youth and its perplexities. Theirs is a very splendid profession, one in which they can earn their living and also give wonderful service to the community in which they live. They also deserve your cooperation in case of any differences or misunderstandings, once again I say, get all sides of the story. The teaching staff is just as anxious, perhaps more so, that your sons and daughters advance in their education. I have very pleasant memories of teachers I came in contact with as a trustee, whom I admired for their devotion to their duties. In this new school we have two Portage young men, Mr. William Taylor as Principal and Mr. Ferris Metcalfe as Assistant Principal, and there is the advantage of older teachers like Mr. Garrett and Mr. Grigg and others who have staffed our Portage Collegiate Institute for a number of years.

The Students: Canada's Hope and Glory. I have a great faith in the young people of today. I have often stated privately and now I am glad to do so publicly that I consider the youth of today much better than the youth of my day. And one especial thing I would like to say about the youth of this community, and my observations in this date back for quite a few years—they have a splendid virtue of tolerance, of other's religion, racial origin and community status. They always seemed to me to judge other youths by their daily lives, academic, athletic and their contribution to the life of the Institute. I would say, if we could have as much tolerance for others, all over the world, as our youth here has and is exhibiting, a lot of present world difficulties would be solved.

There was a very good tradition in the old Portage Collegiate Institute of achievement, of playing the game and of the worth-while things that go to make up a good collegiate life. The students of this new school should carry on these traditions and enrich them with new ones, to be proud of their school. I know their school is going to be proud of them.

In closing, I am going back to the past again, to an early resident, Charles Curtis, who came here from Minnesota. He was a blacksmith and had his forge near "The Slough." He died in 1874 and was evidently quite an outstanding man in the little community they called "The Portage." He was a writer of verses, I won't call him a poet. The occasion for this verse, the last of several, was about dismantling the school on the River Road and rebuilding it in the settlement:

"Our teacher sure will train you well
It rests with you to make it tell.
Knowledge is power, seek to be wise,
Strive, boys and girls, to win the prize."

The brethren remained for the purpose of witnessing the formal Opening of the School, after which the procession reformed, returning to the Masonic Temple where the Communication was resumed.

Before closing, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin spoke briefly with regard to Corner Stones and expressed his appreciation to the brethren attending and for the efforts of all those taking part in the arrangements. He also expressed his regret that M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, Past Grand Master, who for some time had been looking forward to this Ceremony, should be absent in Europe at this time, and directed that a letter be forwarded expressing regrets at his absence and giving him an account of the Ceremony.

M.W. Bro. Irwin then invited M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, I.P.G.M., and W.Bro. Douglas L. Campbell, who had carried the vessel of corn, to address the brethren.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, P.G.M., that a letter of thanks be forwarded to the Officer Commanding, R.C.A.F. Station, Southport, Portage la Prairie, for permitting members of the band to take part and to the men for their splendid contribution to the Ceremony. This motion was seconded by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein and carried.

Grand Lodge was then closed in due form with prayer by R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe, Grand Chaplain.

Thos. L. Jackson

Grand Secretary

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

A.F. & A.M.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE GRAND MASTER, M.W. BRO. J. FERGUSON IRWIN

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons assembled in the Masonic Temple, Neepawa, Manitoba, on Tuesday, December 18th, A.D. 1956, A.L. 5956, at 1.00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

R.W. Bro. David Rothstein (141)..... as Grand Master
M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)..... Immediate Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)..... as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)..... Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130)..... Junior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113)..... as Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3)..... Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51)..... Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4)..... Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. W. K. Clyde (24)..... Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. D. J. Lawson (92)..... Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. W. M. Summers (119)..... as Senior Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor (111)..... as Junior Grand Steward
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)..... as Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. I. L. Carlson (115)..... Grand Tyler
R.W. Bro. G. R. Hay (75)..... D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District

Also present and representing other Grand Lodges were the following.

M.W. Bro. R. C. Hodsman, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.
R. W. Bro. R. T. Luke, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.
M.W. Bro. J. C. McCormick, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Dakota.
M.W. Bro. H. S. Pond, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of North Dakota.
M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Grand Rep. United Grand Lodge of England.
M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans, as Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of Minnesota.
M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge Alpina, Switzerland.
M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of Indiana.
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of New Mexico.
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of Missouri.

R. W. Bro. D. Rothstein, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
R. W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of Georgia.
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.
R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of West Virginia.
R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of Michigan.
R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.
R.W. Bro. E. B. Litz, Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo.

There were several hundred other brethren present, whose names were not recorded.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form in the room provided for that purpose, by R.W. Bro. David Rothstein as Grand Master. The invocation being given by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe.

R.W. Bro. Rothstein informed the brethren that they had been called together for the sad and solemn duty of attending the funeral of our late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, and to pay the last honors of Freemasonry over his remains.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned and the Acting Grand Master, Officers and brethren formed a procession into the Lodge Room where, after paying tribute to the memory of our late Grand Master, R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein requested M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly to conduct the first portion of the Funeral Service, toward the close of which M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni gave the following Eulogy:

"On Saturday last, December 15th, 1956, after a shattering illness, where time and again only stark nerve and amazing determination to live kept death at bay our Grand Master quietly passed over to the Grand Lodge Above, to his eternal reward.

"So ended the earthly career of one who gave so much of his life to Freemasonry in its various branches, one who rose to eminence by conscientious service that was so characteristic of him—to whom duty was a sacred obligation.

"James Ferguson Irwin was born at Cookstown, Ontario, in 1885. While still a small boy he came to Neepawa with his parents. Harry Irwin soon became a well respected farmer in the community. The boy, who was always known as Fergie, received his early education here, took his agricultural studies at the Manitoba Agricultural College, followed by a business training. For several years he was with The Merchants' Bank of Canada. He left that service while stationed at Maple Creek, Sask., and joined the staff of the

Dominion Experimental Station at Lethbridge where he worked up to be Assistant Superintendent. The home farm called, however, and back he came to Neepawa where he stayed.

"Initiated into Freemasonry by Neepawa Lodge No. 24, in January 1909, he was Worshipful Master in 1925, the year this Temple (Neepawa) was erected. I well recall with what pride he received the key to the completed building all furnished and paid for.

"Ever a seeker for more light he was exalted by King Edward Chapter, R.A.M. here, and ruled the Chapter in 1921. He was a prime mover in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, R.A.M. in 1923, and served as Grand First Principal in 1935. In Mount Carmel Preceptory No. 44, Knights Templar, here, he was always active and was Presiding Preceptor for two years, 1924-25. For faithful services to Sovereign Great Priory, Knights Templar, he was awarded the rank of Knight Commander of the Temple in 1952.

"Still seeking further light he became associated with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Red Cross of Constantine and the Mystic Shrine. In all these activities he strove for perfection, so often accomplishing what most men thought impossible.

"No multiplicity of concordant Orders took from his love for Craft Freemasonry, nor indeed the regard with which he was held by his brethren, for they elected him to the Board of General Purposes, time and again and in June 1953 elected him Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden in 1954, Deputy Grand Master in 1955 and in June of this year he ascended the Throne of King Solomon and became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

"In the passing years he has been dogged by illnesses and had undergone several major surgical operations, enough to lay low many a more robust man, but he invariably rose above them and marched straight on. We hoped he had done it again after his illness last July, but his power of resistance was worn too thin. His life has been one of service, to others, to his parents, to his wife and daughters, to persons less fortunate than he wherever he encountered them, to his brethren of the Craft. And now he dies in the harness of Grand Master—with him the word "harness" is the right word.

"And so we pay homage today to a Ruler of the Craft, who surely exemplified the qualities of true courage and devotion to duty and service.

"Despite great difficulties he marched with head erect, looking with steady eyes into whatever might befall, refusing to deviate from what he believed was his path of Duty. May we be worthy of his sacrifice.

"With complete faith in The Most High he drove himself until—

> The Golden Bowl was breaking,
> The Silver Cord fast loosening,
> The Pitcher breaking at the fountain,
> The Wheel breaking at the Cistern,

and so—he passed over—and the Trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

The brethren were then formed in procession and marched from the Lodge Room to the Knox Church where the impressive burial service of the Presbyterian Church was conducted by Rev. D. Anderson, after which the last sad rites of the Masonic Order were conducted by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Lodge Officers and Officers of Neepawa Lodge No. 24, burial taking place in the Neepawa Cemetery.

The procession then reformed and returned to the Lodge Room where the labor of Grand Lodge was resumed.

CLOSING

The business of the Special Communication having been completed, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 3.45 p.m. and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. C. R. Newcombe.

Thos. B. Jackson

Grand Secretary

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

A. F. & A.M.

CEREMONY OF INSTITUTION OF LYNN LAKE LODGE, UNDER DISPENSATION

At the Town of Lynn Lake in the Province of Manitoba, Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., met on Friday, May 24th, 1957 at 8.00 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of Instituting Lynn Lake Lodge.

Right Worshipful Brother David Rothstein, Deputy Grand Master, presided at this Ceremony; after announcing the purpose of the meeting, he then called upon the Grand Secretary to read the Dispensation authorizing the Institution of Lynn Lake Lodge.

The Lodge was then opened in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees respectively by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Rothstein, assisted by the following brethren:

R.W. Bro. W. A. Young (153) ..... as Immediate Past Master
W. Bro. A. L. Jacobs (124) ..... as Senior Warden
W. Bro. W. Guymer (124) ..... as Junior Warden
Bro. V. C. Howell (153) ..... as Treasurer
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3) ..... Grand Secretary
Bro. A. C. Tweedy (153) ..... as Chaplain
W. Bro. C. Steventon (153) ..... as Senior Deacon
W. Bro. Milton Laing (153) ..... as Junior Deacon
W. Bro. H. P. Moffat (124) ..... as Senior Steward
W. Bro. J. Greenberg (124) ..... as Junior Steward
W. Bro. C. C. Merrill (153) ..... as Organist
R. W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker (4) ..... Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. W. A Cox (124) ..... as Inner Guard
Bro. J. P. Johnson (124) ..... as Tyler

The Deputy Grand Master then requested the Grand Secretary to read the names of the brethren who had been selected to govern Lynn Lake Lodge, Under Dispensation, as follows:

W. Bro. Charles E. McKnight ..... Worshipful Master
Bro. John F. Scrase ..... Senior Warden
Bro. John R. Laird ..... Junior Warden
Bro. George W. Eccleston ..... Treasurer
Bro. Thos. L. J. Carter ..... Secretary
Bro. John H. A. Gilbert ..... Chaplain
W. Bro. Lee G. Cook ..... Director of Ceremonies

Bro. John R. Muter ..... Senior Deacon
Bro. Marquis R. C. Mitchell ..... Junior Deacon
Bro. Frank L. Masterman ..... Senior Steward
Bro. Sven O. Pearson ..... Junior Steward
Bro. Kenneth R. Jasper ..... Organist
Bro. Thomas C. Tilley ..... Inner Guard
Bro. Alexander B. Robb ..... Tyler
W. Bro. Kenneth W. Heaps ..... Immediate Past Master

The brethren took their places before the Altar and were Obligated by the Deputy Grand Master, who also invested them with the Jewel of their respective Offices; after congratulating each of them, they were finally conducted to their stations in the Lodge by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Charges to the Master and brethren of the Lodge were delivered by R.W. Brother Rothstein and that to the Wardens by R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker.

In order that the Officers and members should have a clear understanding of the requirements of a new Lodge the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Rothstein then requested the Grand Secretary to read the Instructions for Lodges under Dispensation.

The Deputy Grand Master, in addressing the brethren, stated that this was an occasion which our late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin had been looking forward to with anticipation and it would have been a wonderful day for him had he been spared, yet on the other hand, he personally had spent considerable time in their company over the last few years and therefore could only have a great feeling of appreciation and thankfulness that the duty of Instituting Lynn Lake Lodge had been placed in his hands. He stated Lynn Lake Lodge would always have a special place in his memory, as this was the first ceremony of Institution at which he had been called upon to preside and it was his hope they would immediately delegate some brother to record all the events leading to the Ceremony this evening, otherwise if left to a future date, there was the possibility of some important item being omitted.

R.W. Brother Rothstein expressed his regret that Bro. C. R. Neely, who had been very active in the work of getting this new Lodge started was not able to be present and suggested that when the meeting was over, a message with our best wishes should be sent to him.

Before closing, he stressed the importance of the position held by Lynn Lake Lodge in opening up the northern part of the province and it was his hope they would exercise great care in accepting new members, in order that the reputation of the Fraternity may continue unimpaired. He also com-

plimented them on the excellent hall, and the manner in which it was furnished, particularly in view of the fact they had not much time after setting the date on which this meeting was to be held.

Grand Honors were then given and the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Lodge instituted and its Officers invested, after which the Acting Chaplain, Bro. A. C. Tweedy, gave the Benediction.

R.W. Brother Rothstein, Deputy Grand Master, then presented the Master with the Dispensation, the gavel of authority and requested that he proceed with the meeting.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. C. E. McKnight, in accepting the gavel, expressed on behalf of the brethren of Lynn Lake Lodge their appreciation to the Deputy Grand Master and his Officers for the impressive and important ceremony just concluded, he outlined some of the effort which had taken place prior to this evening and he wished to thank all the brethren for their co-operation.

He wished also to record their appreciation to the Officers and Members of Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137 for sending them a complete set of Regalia for the Officers.

At this point, W.Bro. L. E. Weir, Master of The Pas Lodge No. 124 on behalf of the Officers and members of that Lodge, presented the Worshipful Master, for the use of Lynn Lake Lodge, with the three Great Lights, the Volume of the Sacred Law beautifully inscribed, with provision for signature of all the first Officers, and the Square and Compasses, for which the Master, on behalf of Lynn Lake Lodge, Officers and Members expressed heartfelt thanks.

The Master also announced that the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Rothstein had agreed to present the lodge with a Chair for the Office of Master and on their behalf gave his thanks.

The Secretary, Bro. Carter then read a telegram conveying congratulations from Bro. C. R. Neely who is convalescing in Winnipeg, to which the Master directed that thanks and full information of the Institution be wired to Bro. Neely.

The Worshipful Master and Officers of Lynn Lake Lodge then closed the first meeting in harmony, severally in the Master Mason, Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice Degrees, at 10.15 p.m.

Thos. B. Jackson

Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

A.F. & A.M.

CEREMONY OF INSTITUTION OF GATEWAY LODGE UNDER DISPENSATION

At the City of Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba, Officers of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons met in the Masonic Temple, Donald and Ellice Avenue, on Thursday, May 29th, 1957 at 8.00 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of Instituting Gateway Lodge.

R.W. Brother David Rothstein, Deputy Grand Master, presided at this Ceremony; after announcing the purpose of the meeting, he then called upon the Grand Secretary to read the Dispensation authorizing the Institution of Gateway Lodge.

The Lodge was then opened in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees respectively by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Rothstein, assisted by the following brethren:

M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)..... Immediate Past Grand Master
R. W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)..... Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130)..... Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139)..... Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3)..... Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51)..... Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)..... as Senior Grand Deacon
M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141)..... as Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald (4)..... as Senior Grand Steward
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)..... as Junior Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4)..... Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. G. W. Rattray (165)..... Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. I. L. Carlson (115)..... Grand Tyler

There was also present:

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), P.G.M., and Grand Historian
M.W. Bro. S. Burland (12), P.G.M.

The Deputy Grand Master then requested the Grand Secretary to read the names of the brethren who had been

selected to govern Gateway Lodge Under Dispensation as follows:

W. Bro. A. Clifford Fitch	Worshipful Master
Bro. Theo. S. Garvie	Senior Warden
Bro. Geo. A. W. Ostrander	Junior Warden
Bro. Gerald J. Young	Treasurer
Bro. W. Charles Aitken	Secretary
Bro. Norman R. Rushforth	Chaplain
Bro. William J. Eva	Senior Deacon
Bro. Walter B. Tyson	Junior Deacon
R.W. Bro. George P. Fairbairn	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. John Rayson	Senior Steward
Bro. Lawrence Madson	Junior Steward
Bro. Reginald Powell	Organist
Bro. George Coull	Inner Guard
Bro. W. Lloyd Richmond	Tyler
W. Bro. Donald G. Pearson	Immediate Past Master

The brethren took their places before the Altar and were Obligated by the Deputy Grand Master who also invested them with the Jewel of their respective Offices; after congratulating each of them they were finally conducted to their stations by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Charges to the Master and brethren of the Lodge were delivered by R.W. Brother David Rothstein and that to the Wardens by R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker.

The Deputy Grand Master in addressing the brethren expressed the opinion that more of our larger lodges should follow their example and congratulated them on the organization which had preceded this meeting and expressed satisfaction with the name "Gateway" and felt the members of Fort Garry Lodge No. 130 had taken a step in the right direction.

In tracing their background through Fort Garry Lodge No. 130, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, and Ionic Lodge No. 25, he stated they had a great heritage and a tradition of Masonic endeavor to uphold, and felt on looking over the list of Charter members and the Officers who had been selected, this was in good hands, closing with the remark—"By your deeds will you be known."

The Deputy Grand Master then requested the Grand Secretary to read the Instructions for Lodges under Dispensation.

Grand Honors were then given and the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the Lodge Instituted and its

Officers invested, after which the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe, gave the Benediction.

R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, Deputy Grand Master, then presented the Master with the Dispensation, the gavel of authority, and requested that he proceed with the meeting.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. A. C. Fitch in accepting the gavel expressed the appreciation of the Charter Members of Gateway Lodge to the Deputy Grand Master and his Officers for the very impressive and historic ceremony just concluded. He also wished to express their thanks to the members of Fort Garry Lodge No. 130 for the loan of their regalia and their assistance in making this evening a success.

After conducting business with respect to completing the Standard By-laws, the Worshipful Master and Officers of Gateway Lodge then closed their first meeting in harmony, severally in the Master Mason, Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice Degrees at 10.00 p.m.

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Thos. Jackson

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

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EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

In the City of Winnipeg, in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons met in the Eighty-second Annual Communication.

Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form by the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother David Rothstein; the invocation being given by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Charles R. Newcombe.

PRESENT

R.W. Bro. David Rothstein (141), Winnipeg.....Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113), Brandon.....Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), Winnipeg.....Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), Winnipeg.....Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson (3), Winnipeg.....Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Chas. R. Newcombe (51), St. Vital.....Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Winnipeg.....Grand Historian
R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker (4), Winnipeg..Grand Director of Ceremonies
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), St. Vital.....Grand Librarian
V.W. Bro. W. K. Clyde (24), Neepawa.....Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. D. J. Lawson (92), Shoal Lake.....Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. W. H. Bowler (30), Manitou.....Senior Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. J. Donogh (107), Terence.....Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. G. W. Rattray (165), Fort Garry.....Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. I. L. Carlson (115), Winnipeg.....Grand Tyler
R.W. Bro. E. J. Heaney (165), Fort Garry, D.D.G.M., First Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. G. R. Hay (75), Austin, D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman (51), Treherne, D.D.G.M., Third Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. H. Ready (36), Boissevain, D.D.G.M., Fourth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. T. E. Doran (39), Birtle, D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Turner (27), Carroll, D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. P. Hammonds (113), Brandon, D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. C. C. Thomson (6), Emerson, D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. W. C. Caley (68), Dauphin, D.D.G.M., Ninth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. W. R. Munroe (148), West Kildonan, D.D.G.M., Tenth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. P. T. Houston (138), St. Vital, D.D.G.M., Twelfth Masonic District.

LIST OF PAST GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1)
M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3)
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)
M.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7)
M.W. Bro. S. Burland (12)
M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (21)
M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27)
M.W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing (51)
M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)
M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90)
M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)
M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113)
M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130)
M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)
M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141)

PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE No. 1

W.M.—J. W. Woodward; S.W.—W. L. Ferguson; M.W. Bro. H. Coddington; V.W. Bros. J. D. McKinlay, W. K. Mulock; W. Bros. R. K. Adams, J. M. Brown, H. S. Cameron, J. T. Corrie, B. S. Fleury, J. E. Frazer, C. R. Hopper, M. M. McElheran, W. A. McKnight, Wm. Throp, J. A. Waddell, H. Wilson.

LISGAR LODGE No. 2

W.M.—J. T. Howardson; S.W.—J. Goodman; R.W. Bro. J. Norquay; W. Bros. G. D. Goodwin, J. C. Hockanson, G. L. McQueen, S. Oliver, B. Stephanson.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE No. 3

W.M.—J. H. Suggitt; J.W.—H. L. Howlett; M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson; R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant; W. Bros. J. L. Angus, P. A. Bull, C. S. Coates, P. G. Hawkins, E. W. Kemp, W. A. Little, S. J. Sametz, C. J. Scott.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 4

W.M.—A. N. Robertson; S.W.—D. G. Scott; J.W.—H. B. Parker; M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas; R.W. Bros. A. G. Cowan, T. L. Dodsworth, C. S. Landon, A. A. MacDonald, A. S. McCann, B. S. Parker, W. Percy White; W. Bros. C. V. Antenbring, E. H. Brown, E. L. Jukes, W. L. Milne, P. C. Pratt, G. W. Reed, R. R. Robertson, J. W. Tackaberry.

EMERSON LODGE No. 6

W.M.—W. Forrest; S.W.—G. W. Wilson; J.W.—T. C. Scobie; R.W. Bros. D. J. Lloyd, G. J. Long, C. C. Thomson; W. Bros. L. C. Breckon, K. C. R. Coulter, H. H. Milne, T. W. Shields, H. Templeton.

ASSINIBOINE LODGE No. 7

W.M.—J. H. Muirhead; M.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole; R.W. Bro. W. Dalzell; V.W. Bro. J. C. Hyde; W. Bros. R. A. Price, S. H. Prowse.

KING SOLOMON LODGE No. 8

W.M.—G. L. Lewis; S.W.—J. M. Moore; R.W. Bros. W. J. Hamblin, O. T. Johnston, A. J. Sawatzky; W. Bro. H. R. Clow, R. Forrest, W. R. Irvine.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE No. 10

W.M.—E. E. Lewis; R.W. Bro. R. W. Campbell; V.W. Bro. D. Mitchell; W. Bros. R. Collier, G. C. Galbraith, W. S. McEwen, W. R. Morrison, G. H. Pratt, M. R. Steen, C. S. Williams.

GLADSTONE LODGE No. 11

W.M.—R. J. Moss; J.W.—I. C. Buchanan; R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor; V.W. Bro. S. Sorenson; W. Bros. T. B. Freeborn, F. R. Jarvis, C. M. Wilson.

STONEWALL LODGE No. 12

W.M.—W. J. Napper; S.W.—A. J. W. Buchanan; M.W. Bro. S. Burland; R.W. Bro. J. W. Lindsay; W. Bros. C. H. W. Elwell, H. A. Good, M. R. Good, W. J. Howe, A. S. Matthewson, W. P. Matthewson, J. C. Slater, C. E. Trick, H. M. Weir.

MORDEN LODGE No. 13

W.M.—D. C. Dack; J.W.—J. C. Lawrie; R. W. Bros. G. H. Bray, W. R. Leslie.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE No. 14

S.W.—E. D. Fraser; R.W. Bro. J. Fleming.

CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 15

BRANDON LODGE No. 19

W.M.—G. E. M. Strange; J.W.—R. S. Godfrey; R.W. Bro. J. W. Broatch; V.W. Bro. A. G. Warr; W. Bros. W. W. Downie, W. Lang.

MARQUETTE LODGE No. 21

W.M.—H. E. Owens; S.W.—W. H. Bradley; J.W.—N. H. Muir; M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni; W. Bro. W. C. Lowry.

NEEPAWA LODGE No. 24

W.M.—R. W. McAmmond; S.W.—J. M. Young; J.W.—P. S. Eros; R.W. Bro. J. Matthewson; V.W. Bro. W. K. Clyde; W. Bros. D. E. Pollock, W. J. Pollock.

IONIC LODGE No. 25

W.M.—F. W. Christie; S.W.—R. P. Purves; R.W. Bros. H. T. Waters, B. R. Webb; V.W. Bro. E. T. Leech; W. Bros. R. T. Comrie, H. V. Dimock; E. L. Hardie, R. L. Jex, G. A. Wilson.

GLENWOOD LODGE No. 27

W.M.—F. C. Brandon; M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran; R.W. Bro. J. Hilton Turner; W. Bro. W. M. Frame.

CARBERRY LODGE No. 29

W.M.—A. W. Ruckle; R.W. Bros. W. M. Froom, W. J. Witherspoon; W. Bros. H. C. Banister, C. Barlow, E. A. Berry, C. P. Rogers.

MANITOU LODGE No. 30

W.M.—W. T. Boote; R. W. Bro. N. H. Ashley; V.W. Bro. W. H. Bowler.

DORIC LODGE No. 36

W.M.—J. E. Whitfield; R.W. Bros. E. I. Dow, H. Ready; W. Bro. D. M. McPhail.

BIRTLE LODGE No. 39

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The Master Masons who wished to be in attendance were then admitted and assigned to special seating accommodation provided for them.

The Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother David Rothstein, welcomed the brethren to the meeting but said that due to the passing of our Grand Master, the late M.W. Brother J. Ferguson Irwin, we were assembling in a state of sadness. However, R.W. Bro. Rothstein said, his life and genuine Masonic interests were such that his spirit was with us and he requested that all stand in a moment of silence honoring his memory.

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) and carried, "that the Regulations and Agenda for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge as printed, be adopted, subject to the wishes of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master."

The Deputy Grand Master requested that the brethren approach the Altar and give the required Sign when entering or leaving the Grand Lodge Room and that they do so only between items of business. He also reminded the brethren that all motions were to be written out and forms for this purpose could be secured from the Senior or Junior Grand Wardens, as required by Section 24 of our Constitution. These forms, properly completed were to be handed to the Grand Secretary before the motion could be discussed.

READING OF MINUTES

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), seconded by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7) and carried, that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge as printed in the proceedings, and subsequent Emergent Communications be taken as if read, and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

AUGMENTATION OF THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

The following report was presented by R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE AUGMENTATION OF THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

At the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge (June 1956) a report was submitted by this Special Committee which had been appointed

a year earlier to enquire into the necessity of augmenting "The Benevolent Endowment Fund." Following the presentation of the above mentioned report Grand Lodge adopted a resolution reading thus:

> "That the incoming Grand Master refer this matter back to the Committee on Benevolence, or otherwise, appoint a special committee to investigate further and report back to the 1957 Communication of Grand Lodge with a definite plan as to how best the moneys may be raised."

The M.W. Grand Master, J. Ferguson Irwin, re-appointed the Committee on Benevolence to carry out this assignment.

Before proceeding further it is important to keep in mind the terms of reference which are definitely directed toward "an augmentation of the Benevolent Endowment Fund." The committee was instructed "to recommend a plan whereby the capital of that Fund could be increased."

If the financial reports submitted by our Grand Treasurer for the past few years are examined, the necessity for augmenting the Benevolent Endowment Fund will be abundantly clear. Year after year the facts and the figures have been printed in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee wants to be perfectly frank in its submission. The Benevolent Endowment Fund is exactly what the name indicates, *i.e.*, money set apart and devoted to a permanent cause. The "permanent cause" resolves itself thus; the annual income derived from the investment of the Benevolent Endowment Fund is the principal source from which the Committee on Benevolence grants assistance to poor and distressed Freemasons, their families and their dependents. It therefore follows that the extent of our Benevolence is determined by the income received from the source. Our means are therefore not inexhaustible.

We have no desire to overload this report with extended figures and statistics but would point out that these are available to any constituent Lodge desirous of ascertaining details and fuller explanations. We feel, however, that it is necessary briefly to cite some figures in order to give an indication of the need for additional capital without which there will be a danger that the work of extending relief and assistance will be impaired.

The Amount paid to beneficiaries 1952-1956 was.....$73,093.38

The Interest received from Endowment Fund 1952-1956 was.....$53,979.75

The extent of the deficit is apparent. None of our beneficiaries suffered because of this shortage in income. The necessary funds were supplied out of the unexpended reserves of the Beneficiary Fund, but this reserve is gradually disappearing.

Consideration must be given to the fact that the membership throughout the jurisdiction is increasing. With these added numbers our responsibilities, from the standpoint of benevolence, correspondingly increase. When the Benevolent Fund was first established the total membership was 7,600. At the end of 1956 the membership totalled over 16,000. It is not guesswork to say that the future will bring added demands for Masonic Benevolence and it is our solemn duty to prepare for such a development.

In the course of our studies several suggestions have been offered. One suggestion was to organize an all-member campaign for personal contributions. This was the plan followed when the Benevolent Endowment Fund was established in 1918. It was a remarkable success. In

the intervening period we have had subsequent appeals along the same plan but these have been very disappointing. Let us illustrate this by our actual experience.

The last time an all-member campaign was carried out was in 1936 and was designated "The Diamond Jubilee Fund." At that time the membership of our Manitoba Lodges numbered 11,060. Out of this number contributions were received from 3,745 members; in other words, only 29.5% of the Masons in our Jurisdiction were sufficiently interested in making a personal contribution to our Benevolent Fund.

It is of vital importance that we examine at close range a more recent experience of individual response to an appeal. True, in this instance the project was not our Benevolent Endowment Fund, nevertheless the appeal was in the field of Masonic Relief. Three years ago a campaign was launched under the name of "The Brotherhood Disaster Fund." On this occasion the results were more discouraging than the 1936 appeal. The total membership at this time was 15,176. The amount contributed was $14,299.00 which works out at 94.2 cents per member. The number of members making contribution was 3,369 or 22.2% of the total.

This is the record of the two preceding appeals made on a voluntary basis to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. We believe you will agree these campaigns were not satisfactory. With such evidence confronting your Committee the members thereof could not conscientiously consider another such appeal.

Your Committee directed its attention to another proposal which had been brought to its attention. This plan would be to make an appeal, each year, to our constituent lodges, the objective being to obtain sufficient funds to offset the recurring annual deficits in our income for Benevolence. This is not a new idea, except that on previous calls the monies so received accrued to the Benevolent Endowment Fund except when otherwise designated. It will be recalled that from time to time the Grand Master has issued appeals of this nature and while the results for the year in which the appeal went out were productive of some added contributions, they have been spasmodic and fluctuate from year to year.

The situation confronting Grand Lodge is urgent. It is necessary to obtain definite amounts regularly and not rely upon the interest or lack of interest on the part of any section of our Craft. The work of authorizing benevolent grants by the Committee charged with this duty is definite and of a permanent character. For that reason our decision with regard to the future must not consist of some stop-gap scheme which will take care of the needs of today, rather we must adopt measures that will ensure the required funds to take care of the requirements of tomorrow.

We cannot see any merit in temporary expedients which in the long run will merely postpone the day of decision and which undoubtedly will continue the problem of continuing deficits year after year.

When one comes to consider the title of the "Committee on Benevolence" then one wonders what the twentieth century science called "semantics" could teach us about the word "charity"; not merely its explanation, the dictionary can tell us that, but how men react to the word when they see and hear it. One has a feeling that perhaps in many cases it jars a sensitive nerve, but really it should not do so. In our common parlance we are too prone to think of the word "charity" as related solely to the distribution of money without that personal touch which makes all the difference in the world where human beings are concerned.

But in our Freemasonry the word has a deeper connotation, a suggestive significance, apart from this common usage. It is in such an attitude of mind, so far as we weak mortals are able to do so, that this Special Committee submit these findings and fervently pray that Grand Lodge will adopt the recommendation we submit.

We respectfully recommend: (1) in order that the capital of the Benevolent Endowment Fund may be augmented by a method which ensures that contributions be fairly and evenly collected, that it be done on a per capita basis throughout the entire jurisdiction and (2) that, on and after January 1st, 1958, and every six months thereafter, each constituent Lodge, when submitting its semi-annual returns to the Grand Secretary, shall include the sum of 25c (twenty-five cents) for every member registered in its books. This payment shall not be applicable to any brother who was a Life Member of his Lodge on June 3rd, 1943.

We further recommend that all monies thus received shall be credited to the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your Committee has studied this important phase of our work for the past two years and in submitting its findings and recommendations plead with our brethren in Grand Lodge assembled to exercise the great tenet of the Craft, Brotherly Love, bearing in mind that the plan thus suggested is not something for our own benefit but rather something that will ensure comfort and happiness to others less fortunate.

Fraternally and sincerely submitted,

A. A. MacDONALD,
Chairman.

R.W. Bro. MacDonald (4) moved that the report be received, seconded by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), and carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3) reported the following nominations had been received for the Elective Offices of Grand Lodge and the Board of General Purposes:

Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, Tuscan Lodge No. 141.

Deputy Grand Master:
R.W. Bro. Wm. Albert Prugh, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

Senior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Wesley D. G. Runions, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.

Junior Grand Warden:
R.W. Bro. Abram J. Sawatzky, King Solomon Lodge No. 8.
R.W. Bro. Edward I. Dow, Doric Lodge No. 36.

Grand Treasurer:
R.W. Bro. John Paterson Mowat, Beaver Lodge No. 139.

Grand Secretary:
M.W. Bro. Thomas C. Jackson, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Chaplain;
R.W. Bro. Charles Robt. Newcombe, Treherne Lodge No. 51.

Grand Historian:
M.W. Bro. William Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:
R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Librarian:
M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, Windsor Lodge No. 138.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

V.W. Bro. Walter K. Mulock, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1
W. Bro. John E. Frazer, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1
R.W. Bro. John Norquay, Lisgar Lodge No. 2
W. Bro. J. Leonard Angus, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White, St. John's Lodge No. 4
R.W. Bro. Angus A. MacDonald, St. John's Lodge No. 4
R.W. Bro. Walter A. Dalzell, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7
R.W. Bro. George V. Henderson, Strathclair Lodge No. 106
R.W. Bro. Alex. C. Slessor, Acacia Lodge No. 111
R.W. Bro. Fred R. Willmott, Tweed Lodge No. 113
V.W. Bro. J. Albert Tisdale, Norwood Lodge No. 119
W. Bro. Ronald G. Turnbull, St. James Lodge No. 121
W. Bro. Anthony D. Adamson, Empire Lodge No. 127
R.W. Bro. Thomas Wilson, Capitol Lodge No. 136
W. Bro. D. Montgomery Sclanders, Beaver Lodge No. 139
R.W. Bro. Nathan Rothstein, Tuscan Lodge No. 141
R.W. Bro. Sherman H. Dayton, Newdale Lodge No. 159
W. Bro. M. Earl McKellar, Wheat City Lodge No. 168

APPEALS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Grand Secretary reported he had not received any appeals. Messages expressing sincere good wishes for a successful and harmonious Communication had been received from the Grand Masters of the following Grand Jurisdictions: British Columbia; Canada (In Province of Ontario); New Brunswick; Nova Scotia; Prince Edward Island; Quebec; Illinois; South Dakota; Wisconsin; (Israel).

Also from:

M.W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop, Ontario; M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, Alberta; M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, Saskatchewan; M.W. Bros. G. H. Nordbye, H. T. Olson, R. E. Cummins, W. P. Sturtz, C. C. Colton, L. H. Colson, R. W. Stanford, C. L. Jacobson, M. J. Brown, all of Minnesota; R.W. Bro. C. M. Norton, Minnesota; M.W. Bros. W. F. Holman and H. W. Gill, California; M.W. Bro. G. C. Hulett, North Dakota, and M.W. Bro. Hugh Reid, Virginia.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following report was presented by the Vice-President of the Board, R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113) who moved its adoption, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), and carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

This Grand Jurisdiction has very wisely established this Board to enable proper functioning of business matters with supervision, during the period between Grand Lodge Communications.

The meetings of this board deal with items of business in a spirit of harmony and thoughtful consideration with complete investigation and report before action is taken. Minutes of each meeting in detail are available in the Grand Secretary's office. In this report only sufficient material is recorded to identify the subject matter dealt with. Many routine matters appearing elsewhere in the printed proceedings are, for the sake of brevity and clarity purposely omitted.

Meeting of June 7, 1956—36 present, R.W. Bro. David Rothstein by virtue of office assumed the duties of President. R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh was elected Vice-President and a Committee to nominate standing committees was named and approved.

Meeting of June 15, 1956—16 present, the President presided. Following the Invocation and introduction of new members before proceeding with business, the Brethren honored the memory of M.W. Bro. Edward Greenway, P.G.M., who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above the previous day. A committee was established to investigate the cost of liability and non-owned auto insurance for the benefit of both Grand Lodge and constituent Lodges. Resolutions establishing the signing officers and the re-appointment of auditors were passed. The Grand Secretary reported on a meeting of the Masonic Temple Association at which a committee had been appointed to consider ways and means to raise money for a new Masonic Temple and to report back to their respective lodges. A request from Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145 re proposed erection of a Masonic Temple and as proposed ownership was to be vested in a holding company no action was deemed necessary except to advise the lodges concerned that before investing lodge funds permission is necessary from the Board approving suitability of premises for lodge purposes. The report of the Nominating Committee on standing committees was adopted after several amendments.

Special Meeting of August 13, 1956—22 present, the President presided. The request from Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148 for permission to sell property was received. After discussion, by proper resolution consent was given approving the terms and conditions of sale and signing officers for the legal documents approved.

Meeting of September 21, 1956—36 present, the President presided. Following the Invocation and introduction of new members, M.W. Bro. Donnelly very ably expressed the sorrow of the Board in recording the

passing of Mrs. Gordon A. McMorran, wife of M.W. Bro. McMorran, M.W. Bro. G. W. Christie, P.G.M., Minnesota, and R.W. Bro. Geo. Lardner, member of the Board of General Purposes. Several special committees reported progress and requests for information re non-resident members and clarification of eligibility of tenants in the Winnipeg Masonic Temple were dealt with. Formal requests were granted as follows: Holland Lodge No. 63 to incorporate; Harry Woods Lodge No. 164 to change meeting place; Favel Lodge No. 126 to purchase property. Reports of the Commission appointed on Masonic Trial and the Grand Secretary on the Banff Conference were received and adopted. A committee was named to arrange for a speaker and banquet for the forthcoming All-Canada Conference. The matter of joint Installations was discussed and referred to the Committee on Condition of Freemasonry for study. Report of the Finance Committee was received and approval given of a special grant of $75.00 to the committee on Research and Education in connection with booklets for the proposed "Mentor Plan." Report of the Committee on Research and Education dealt with study clubs, the proposed Mentor Plan, naming the lodges suggested for trial use of the same and the purchase of library books. The report of the Committee on Condition of Freemasonry dealt with the Instruction of D.D.G.M.'s in their duties; Reports of D.D.G.M.'s on visitations and M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin's report on the official visit of Grand Lodge Officers to the northern Lodges. The committee on External Affairs reported on the following: United Grand Lodge of Germany, Grand Lodge of the State of Israel and the situation in Central and South American Grand Lodges. Further resolution regarding the sale of property by Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148 was approved. In true Masonic manner these and other meetings to follow expressed deep concern and interest regarding the illness of R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy, R.W. Bro. W. Percy White, R.W. Bro. L. McLeod and R.W. Bro. A. E. Boyle.

Meeting of November 16, 1956—31 present, the President presided. Following the Invocation fitting tribute was paid to the memory of M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin, P.G.M., who had passed beyond, and to this meeting came the first disturbing news of the admission to hospital of our beloved Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin. The Committee on Benevolence presented a most comprehensive review of the study made by them with regard to the advisability of the establishment of a home for indigent Masons. A survey of the experience of other Grand Lodges with Masonic Homes as compared to individual care and assistance was most revealing and their report recommended that the present system of the Benevolent Committee be not altered. The Committee on Constitution and Revision reported that careful consideration had been given to changing the week day of opening Grand Lodge from Wednesday to Monday and that no proposed amendment would be submitted until further clarification of conflicting factors was available. They also recommended procedure for more clearly defining non-resident membership for statistical purposes. Arrangement of details were reported for the All-Canada Conference to be held in Winnipeg beginning February 15, 1957. The matter of improper solicitation of certain self-styled Masonic publications was reviewed and it was decided to issue directives to all constituent Lodge Secretaries. Permission to purchase was granted by resolution, to Morden Lodge No. 13, Holland Lodge No. 63 and Rathwell Lodge No. 87, and to sell property by Ophir Lodge No. 112, and to both sale and purchase by Penza Lodge No. 120. Advice and instruction were given Empire Lodge No. 127 regarding remodelling and a proposed loan. Preparation of constitutional amendment was approved regarding a 60-year jewel for members entitled to wear same.

Meeting of January 18, 1957—38 present, the President presided. This meeting was held amid feelings of sorrow and deep emotion occasioned by the recent passing of our beloved Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin. Following the Invocation our Grand Librarian M.W. Bro. Donnelly paid most fitting tribute to his life and work so interwoven with the progress of Freemasonry in this Province, and by unanimous motion the very appropriate and well worded Eulogy given by M.W. Bro. Fahrni at his funeral was incorporated in the Minutes. Further cause for sorrow was occasioned by the unfavorable reports received on the health of our much loved Treasurer R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat. Permission for Incorporation was granted Wheat City Lodge No. 168, the purchase of shares to Meridian Lodge No. 140 and change of meeting place to Starbuck Lodge No. 160 and Corinthian Lodge No. 15. The Finance Committee reported their opinions regarding the continuance of present services and any proposed extension of services, on the present per capita levy of $1.50 per member. A ten-year comparison, 1946 and 1956, was submitted showing the increased cost of operation of Grand Lodge and a motion agreeing in principle that more revenue was needed, was passed. The Chairman of the Benevolent Committee also outlined the increasing costs of assistance to present beneficiaries and a motion was approved that the Committees on Finance and Benevolence join in bringing in a report to the March meeting. Tribute was paid to Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Rothstein for the efficient manner in which he was carrying on the important affairs of Grand Lodge under the great strain occasioned by the passing of our beloved Grand Master.

Meeting of March 15, 1957—28 present, the President presided. After the Invocation, joy was expressed at the progress toward recovery by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat, Grand Treasurer, and Junior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions, who had suffered a heart attack. Much time was taken and exhaustive debate ensued on the combined report of the Finance and Benevolent Committees and after much discussion, several motions and amendments, a notice of motion to amend section 90 of the Constitution was passed. In essence it called for a proposed increase of 50 cents per member in per capita for General Fund, life members excluded. A notice of motion to amend section 11A of the Constitution re Benevolent Endowment Fund was debated—amended and defeated. A motion expressing the opinion of the Board that the Benevolent Endowment Fund be increased was carried and the Committee on Benevolence was urged to consider the augmentation of that Fund by bringing in a report to Grand Lodge. Further progress was reported concerning liability insurance and action previously taken re 60-year jewel was rescinded and in substitution a Bronze Bar engraved "60 years" was approved. A report on the lack of necessary Quorum at regularly called meetings of Sprague Lodge No. 132 was referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, for investigation and report. A charge of Masonic offence and request for a Masonic Trial was acted upon and a commission for trial appointed. Petition to form a new lodge at Lynn Lake sponsored by The Pas Lodge No. 124 was acted on favorably. R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education gave a most complete report on the experience of the twelve lodges selected to try out the "Mentor Plan"; plans for area meetings; and the Quiz Programme prepared for use by the constituent lodges, by the Grand Librarian. Certain recommendations by the Investment Committee to improve the income from investments by selling certain short term bonds and repurchasing longer term bonds bearing higher interest rates were approved. R.W. Bro. Parker on behalf of the Committee on Constitution and Revision read the draft of various amendments to various sections of

the Constitution which report was subsequently adopted. Rewording of Regulations 12 and 14 were approved for submission to Grand Lodge for consideration.

Meeting of May 3, 1957—28 present, the President presided. Following the Invocation a hearty welcome was extended to R.W. Bro. Mowat and R.W. Bro. Runions on their return to Masonic duties. An exhaustive report on Liability Insurance was received recommending no action. A report from the chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry and from the Grand Secretary with respect to the surrender of Charter of Sprague Lodge No. 132 was received and approved and ordered submitted to Grand Lodge for decision. Request from Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137 and Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144 to purchase shares in the Fort Rouge Temple Association were approved and amendment to the description of property being sold by Corinthian Lodge No. 15 was approved. Petition to form a new lodge to be known as "Winnipeg" Lodge sponsored by Fort Garry Lodge No. 130 was received. After considerable discussion on the suggested name, an alternative proposal of the name "Gateway Lodge" was submitted by the petitioners and permission granted after amendment to substitute the name "Gateway Lodge." The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary were chosen as delegates to the Banff Conference on Sept. 5-6-7th, 1957. The appearance of a Masonic sign on a King Street building indicating meeting place of a Masonic Lodge not affiliated with his Grand Jurisdiction was reported and referred to the Grand Secretary for further investigation of records and report to the next meeting. The Committee on Constitution and Revision were instructed to prepare a review of the present Constitution with regard to any further amendments required prior to a reprinting required probably in 1958. The Deputy Grand Master was authorized to appoint a committee to look into the matter of a proposed transfer of the War Effort Fund to the Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund and report to a future meeting of the Board. Eight committee reports were received for submission to Grand Lodge. The matter of Masonic Museum in the Rotunda of the Temple was referred to the Committee on Research and Education for attention. Dates for the Institution of Gateway Lodge and Lynn Lake Lodge were established.

Meeting of June 5, 1957, Montcalm Room, Royal Alexandra Hotel 10.00 a.m.—31 present, the President presided. The meeting was opened with prayer. The President ably expressed the congratulations of the Board to R.W. Bro. C. S. Landon on the recent honors conferred upon him of a Doctorate Degree by the University of Manitoba. The passing of M.W. Bro. Carl Claudy, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the U.S.A. was suitably recorded with expression of the great loss to the Craft in general by reason of his death. He leaves behind a wealth of writings and the result of a life filled with Masonic research and study. The matter of the use of the word "Masonic" and the appearance of the name "Masonic" and symbols on public buildings without proper permission was reviewed. Motion was approved that after verification, the matter be referred to the Attorney-General's Department of our Province. The Report of the Committee on War Effort Fund was received and approval given to a recommendation that the balance in the fund be transferred to the Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Relief Fund. The Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals was read regarding the proposed amendments to section 122 of the Constitution. After discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of Joint Installations be considered as a constitutional matter and that a recommendation go from this Body to Grand Lodge that this matter be given further study for one year before action by Grand Lodge on the matter of amendment. Distinguished guests from the follow-

ing Sister Grand Lodges were cordially welcomed and introduced: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Re Petition for Charter from Three Pillars Lodge U.D., the Grand Secretary reported all records in order and Constitutional requirements complied with. It was recommended to Grand Lodge that a Charter be granted.

Four final Committee reports were received and referred to Grand Lodge.

In view of the extra duties that have fallen on R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein the President of the Board and Deputy Grand Master, this report has been prepared at his request and is most respectfully submitted by,

W. A. PRUGH,
Vice-President

PETITIONS

A Petition was received from Three Pillars Lodge U.D. for a Charter. This Petition was read by the Grand Secretary and the following Resolution was moved by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) and carried, that:

"WHEREAS Three Pillars Lodge, having been granted a Dispensation by the M.W. Grand Master on April 17th, 1956 and Instituted by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, Grand Master on Tuesday, April 17th, 1956 at St. Vital, Manitoba,

AND WHEREAS since that date has carried on as a Lodge of Freemasons, successfully in accordance with and in harmony with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, as the report of the Deputy Grand Master to the Board of General Purposes will testify,

AND WHEREAS the said Lodge, having petitioned the Grand Lodge to grant them a Charter, which Petition, with the approval of the Deputy Grand Master is now favorably recommended by the Board of General Purposes,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that this Grand Lodge of Manitoba, grant the prayer of the petition and that the said Lodge, situate in the Municipality of St. Vital, Manitoba, be placed on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, denominated THREE PILLARS LODGE, and numbered '169'."

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I respectfully present the 82nd Annual Report of the Grand Secretary for the year ended March 31st, 1957.

The Proceedings of the 81st Annual Communication were issued on September 10th, 1956, and distributed in accordance with the usual custom.

Certificates of Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Masters, Life Members and Master Masons were prepared and presented to those entitled to them, or forwarded to the Secretaries of the lodges concerned.

The following statements which I am required to submit in accordance with Section 81 (*k*) of the Constitution are included with those attached to the report of the Grand Treasurer and are not duplicated in this report:

1. General Fund; Monies received and disbursed during the year—Exhibit "B"
2. General Fund; Statement of indebtedness of lodges to Grand Lodge—Schedule "1"
3. Benevolent Fund; Statement of Income and Expenditure—Exhibit "D"
4. Beneficiary Fund; Statement of Income and Expenditure—Exhibit "F"
5. Beneficiary Fund; Payments—Schedule "2"

We now have 117 lodges including one under dispensation and I am pleased to report that excellent co-operation has been given by all Secretaries in connection with compiling their semi-annual and annual returns, as well as attention to correspondence throughout the year.

A summary of the membership by lodges as compiled from the returns submitted on Form 42 is attached, and will be included with statistics in the Proceedings; this shows a gross gain of 859, and a net gain of 242, compared with a gross gain of 834 and a net gain of 286 in 1955.

Details in comparison with the previous four years follow:

Membership as at December 31st, 1955					15,833
Additions:	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Initiations	720	691	703	638	650
Reinstatements	48	50	35	32	31
Affiliation	164	146	147	124	126
Charter Members U.D.	107	33	43	39	52
	1039	920	928	833	859
Adjustments: Add	2	....	3	1	....
	1041	920	931	834	859
Removals:					
Demits	188	213	190	178	172
Suspensions, N.P.D.	95	108	102	89	131
Suspensions, U.M.C.	....	....	1	....	1
Death	259	301	267	280	310
	542	622	560	547	614
Adjustments: Add	....	6	....	1	3
	542	628	560	548	617
Net Increase	499	292	371	286	242
Membership as at December 31st, 1956					16,075

The following table shows the degrees conferred in the various lodges for the past five years:

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Entered Apprentice	720	691	703	638	650
Fellow Craft	724	673	688	678	619
Master Mason	732	697	678	657	621
	2176	2061	2069	1973	1890

SUSPENSIONS, N.P.D.

62 lodges have no suspensions for non-payment of dues (71 in 1955).

55 lodges have 131 suspensions for non-payment of dues (45 lodges showed 89 members in 1955).

SUSPENSIONS, U.M.C.

There was 1 suspension for Unmasonic Conduct in 1956 (none in 1955).

MEMBERSHIP

63 lodges show an increase in membership compared to 73 in 1955.
44 lodges show a decrease in membership compared to 36 in 1955.
10 lodges show a membership unchanged, compared to 7 in 1955.
19 lodges had no Initiations, compared to 21 in 1955.
16 lodges conferred no Degrees at all, compared to 15 in 1955.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED—April 1st, 1956, to March 31st, 1957

	1955-56	1956-57
To hold joint installation of Officers	13	10
To attend Divine Service in regalia	52	57
To change lodge premises	5	5
To change place of meeting	7	11
Special election, Installation of Officers	19	20
To confer degrees after receiving Waivers	2	5
To hold District Meetings	11	11
To confer Degrees within specified time	1	1
Waiving residence qualifications	1	3
Special emergent meetings	1	0
To heal infraction of the Constitution	2	0
To change date of regular meeting	6	11
To change hour of regular meeting	1	5
To receive nominations for D.D.G.M.	1	0
To heal breach of by-laws	1	0
To waive jurisdiction over petitioner	1	0
	124	139

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Regular Meetings	Lodges 75, 84, 128
Committees	Lodge 19
Life Memberships	Lodges 40, 128
Election of Officers	Lodges 19, 106, 162
Funds of the Lodge	Lodge 114
Fees	Lodges 1, 3, 40, 106, 111, 119, 141, 148
Dues	Lodges 2, 19, 40, 63, 93, 94, 106, 110, 148, 160, 168
Business Routine	Lodge 115
Complete Revision	Lodges 30, 67, 74, 161

Once again I draw attention to arrearages of dues. The returns from the lodges show that at December 31st, 1956, there were 1,779 members in arrears for a total amount of $20,062.60, and while this is approximately $900.00 less than the previous year, the decrease may be accounted for by dues written off on account of suspensions.

There were 131 members suspended during 1956 which is an increase of 47% over 1955. Correspondence in a few cases has disclosed that some lodges have not carried out the requirements of Section 227 of the Constitution with regard to suspension of members when two years in arrears, and perhaps this can be made a subject for enquiry by the District Deputy Grand Master on his official visits.

Arrears for dues represent a lot of extra work for lodge secretaries who in many cases handle the work on a voluntary basis. I feel if the members realized this, they would make an effort to carry out the provisions of the Constitution, which requires that dues be paid in advance on January 1st, each year. While I feel that many of our lodges should take special action in regard to this situation, it is interesting to note that six lodges have no members in arrears and thirteen have four or less, which illustrates what can be done.

SUMMARY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF LODGES, Members expelled, suspended or restored.

A summary of the membership of the lodges and lists of members expelled, suspended or restored is attached and will be included in the proceedings under statistics.

CHARTERS ISSUED

By authority of Grand Lodge at its Communication held on June 6th and 7th, 1956, a Charter was issued to Wheat City Lodge No. 168, situated in Brandon, and the lodge was Constituted and Consecrated by the M.W. Grand Master on June 28th, 1956.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The M.W. Grand Master approved of the following brethren, appointed as the Grand Representatives of Manitoba near other Grand Lodges:

Iceland, Bro. E. Halldorson, 19th October, 1956—First Rep.
Ireland, Bro. Robt. H. Dickson, 3rd January, 1957.
Mexico, Y.G.L., Bro. A. W. Lloyd, 6th June, 1957.
Sao Paulo, Bro. G. Setti Spina, 23rd August, 1956.
Utah, Bro. G. F. Bywater, 14th November, 1956.

The following brethren were appointed to represent various Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

Alabama, R.W. Bro. A. C. Orchard, 15th April, 1957.
Argentina, R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff, 4th May, 1957.
Colorado, R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald, 8th April, 1957.
Guatemala, R.W. Bro. S. H. Perdue, Commission not received.
Iceland, W. Bro. J. K. Laxdal, Commission not received—First Rep.
Illinois, V.W. Bro. W. K. Mulock, 9th April, 1957.
Montana, R.W. Bro. P. Hammonds, 15th April, 1957
Oklahoma, R.W. Bro. Jas. Mathewson, 6th March, 1957.
Philippines, W. Bro. G. Paulson, 10th December, 1956.
South Australia, W. Bro. S. H. Allan, 13th May, 1957
Wisconsin, R.W. Bro. G. J. Long, 5th April, 1957.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

At the last Annual Communication it was moved that the Grand Master refer the report of the Special Committee re the Augmentation of the Benevolent Endowment Fund back to the Committee on Benevolence or otherwise appoint a special committee to investigate further and report back to the 1957 Communication of Grand Lodge, with a definite plan as to how best the monies may be raised.

Our late Grand Master referred this to the Committee on Benevolence with instructions to report at this Communication.

ANALYSIS OF FEES AND DUES

Due to rising costs of operation some of the lodges have found it necessary to amend their By-laws to increase Fees and Dues. However, there are a number who have not yet taken any action and must of necessity find they are compelled to curtail their activities.

As a matter of information, the following statistics are given:

FEES		DUES	
18 lodges charge	$ 35.00	4 lodges charge	$ 6.00
21 lodges charge	40.00	14 lodges charge	7.00
4 lodges charge	45.00	3 lodges charge	7.50
26 lodges charge	50.00	15 lodges charge	8.00
5 lodges charge	60.00	2 lodges charge	8.50
32 lodges charge	75.00	2 lodges charge	9.00
11 lodges charge	100.00	35 lodges charge	10.00
		2 lodges charge	11.00
		28 lodges charge	12.00
		3 lodges charge	12.50
		1 lodge charges	13.00
		8 lodges charge	15.00
Average for the Jurisdiction	$ 57.69	Average for the Jurisdiction	$10.07

In addition to the above, 64 lodges charge reduced dues to members who are non-resident. The definition of a non-resident varies in different lodges and covers residence anywhere from a twenty mile radius of the lodge to outside the Grand Jurisdiction. I doubt very much the advisability of having reduced dues for those who are non-resident, as it is fair to assume that each member should bear an equal proportion of the cost of lodge operation. Checks I have made indicate that in many cases non-resident dues charged are far below the operating cost of the lodge.

VISITING THE SICK

During the year we had forty-two requests from lodges outside the City of Winnipeg for visits to be made to their members who were ill in hospital. Following the usual custom these requests were passed on to the Winnipeg lodges in rotation, for the attention of their Visiting Committees, and we wish to express our appreciation to the lodges for their cheerful co-operation.

It has come to my attention however, that two members who had a lengthy stay in hospital were not visited and I feel that if this work could be placed in the hands of some central body or group, these visitations could be arranged more easily than at present.

COURTESY DEGREES

During the year we arranged for the conferring of courtesy Degrees on thirty-nine candidates, eleven on behalf of other Grand Jurisdictions, eleven within our own Jurisdiction and seventeen which we have requested Sister Jurisdictions to arrange on behalf of our Lodges.

MASONRY IN MANITOBA

Since January, 1945, our Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. William Douglas, has been editor of our bulletin, *Masonry in Manitoba*. He deserves a great deal of credit for the work he has put into this publication —all on a voluntary basis—for his fine choice of material, always interesting and educational, and on behalf of this Grand Lodge assembled, I wish to express to M.W. Bro. Douglas our sincere appreciation and gratitude for his superb efforts.

CONFERENCES

On September 6th, 7th and 8th, 1956, I attended the Sixteenth Annual Inter-Provincial Conference of the Officers of the Four Western Masonic Jurisdictions at Banff, Alberta, and on February 14th, 15th and 16th, 1957, the Fifth Biennial Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges of Canada at Winnipeg.

In addition to the very interesting topics scheduled for discussion these Conferences are a splendid opportunity to discuss and work out related problems with each other.

Copies of the topics discussed at the Banff Conference as well as the discussions, have again been forwarded to all Constituent lodges, from which it is hoped the Masters and members will receive educational value.

It was my pleasure to accompany our late Grand Master on his Official Visits to The Pas, Flin Flon and Fort Prince of Wales Lodges and along with other Grand Lodge Officers to nine of the District Meetings and the majority of his other Official Visits, in each case, being given the opportunity to speak on some phase of the Grand Lodge activities.

As time progressed it was quite evident to all his Officers that the Grand Master's health was deteriorating and it was suggested that some of his intended visits be delegated to others; however he had evidently laid plans as to what he wanted to do, for instead of reducing the strain he commenced to make unofficial visits, thereby increasing the demands on his strength.

He was making a wonderful contribution to Freemasonry but was finally compelled to relinquish his duties on November 12th, 1956, and enter the hospital with a recurrence of the illness of the previous July. He would have dearly loved to complete his term but after making a valiant effort for some five weeks was called to the Grand Lodge Above on December 15th last. This was a severe shock to all of us. However, by virtue of Section 48 of the Constitution, our Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Rothstein assumed the duties and became vested with the powers of the Grand Master and with exceptional skill and tact has directed the affairs of this Grand Lodge for the balance of the term.

I accompanied R.W. Bro. Rothstein to the two District Meetings in Winnipeg, on his Official Visit to Rice Lake Lodge No. 157 at Bissett, to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, the opening of the new Lodge Hall for Corinthian Lodge No. 15 at Rapid City and the new Lodge Hall for Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156 at Moosehorn, the Area Meetings held at Holland and Virden as well as all other special

events and to him I express my appreciation for his assistance and many kindnesses.

In closing may I once more convey my thanks to all Lodge Secretaries for their co-operative effort during the year, to the members of the Committee on Finance for their advice, to my assistant Miss Margaret Anderson for the excellent manner in which she has fulfilled and carried out the many heavy duties she has been called upon to perform during the year and to the Executive Secretary, W. Bro. M. G. McKenzie for his endeavors to maintain our records at a high standard.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. C. JACKSON,
Grand Secretary.

This report was presented by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3), who moved it be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, seconded by R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51) and carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Grand Treasurer, presents the following statements covering transactions for the year ending March 31st, 1957:

General Fund
Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable

Benevolent Endowment Fund
Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure

Beneficiary Fund
Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure
Schedule "2"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments

Masonic Disaster Relief Fund
Exhibit "G"—Balance Sheet

War Effort Fund
Exhibit "H"—Balance Sheet

Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund
Exhibit "I"—Balance Sheet

Exhibit "K"—Consolidated Balance Sheet

All accounts have been audited and found correct by the Grand Lodge Auditors, whose Certificate is attached hereto.

The investments of Grand Lodge have been gone into quite thoroughly this year, and changes made which will result in interest gains to our various Funds. The Committee on Investments is reporting in detail on these changes in our holdings.

Interest Dividends have been collected and deposited, and all Insurance Policies checked and up-to-date.

As stated in my report of 1956, study has been given to the General Fund and I am in accord with the increase suggested, to carry on the workings of this Grand Lodge in the way which will be most beneficial to our constituent lodges.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Grand Secretary and his staff for their unfailing courtesy and co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,
J. P. MOWAT,
Grand Treasurer.

This report was presented by the Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein (141) and carried.

April 5, 1957

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

In accordance with your instructions we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1957, and now present the undernoted Financial Statements.

General Fund:
Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:
Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.

Beneficiary Fund:
Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Schedule "2"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.

Masonic Disaster Relief Fund:
Exhibit "G"—Balance Sheet.

War Effort Fund:
Exhibit "H"—Balance Sheet.

Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund:
Exhibit "I"—Balance Sheet.

Exhibit "K"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Cash in Bank:
The balances in Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:
The securities representing the investments were inspected and found in order.

Yours truly,
ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND
As at March 31, 1957

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	$11,460.32	
Cash on Hand (Petty)	100.00	
Accounts Receivable (per Schedule "1")	269.04	
		$11,829.36
Inventories:		
Supplies and Stock		3,987.00
Investment:	**Par Value**	
Government of Canada Bonds 1966—3% (Market Value $9,100.00)	$10,000.00	10,000.00
Equipment:		
Furniture and Fixtures, Regalia, Library and Fixtures, valued at		1.00
		$25,817.36

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$ 456.00	
Funds Held in Trust	285.00	
		$ 741.00

SURPLUS

Surplus, Balance March 31, 1956	$26,118.24	
Net Loss, Exhibit "B"	$541.88	
Bond Premium, Written Off	500.00	
	1,041.88	
		25,076.36
		$25,817.36

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1957, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the Corporation as at March 31, 1957.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 5, 1957.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended March 31, 1957

INCOME

Dues	$23,387.25	
Initiations	1,300.00	
Certificates M.M.	1,280.00	
Certificates L.M.	107.50	
Certificates P.M.	93.00	
Dispensations	167.00	
Bond Interest	300.00	
Stock	456.74	
Administration	300.00	
		$27,391.49

EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Honorariums		$10,100.00	
Grand Lodge Communication		3,732.11	
Masonry in Manitoba		2,730.73	
Annuities		547.51	
Library Maintenance		1,741.96	
Rent		1,670.50	
Grand Master		828.71	
Northern Trip		307.20	
Board Meetings		521.35	
Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers		238.44	
Consecration and Constitution		22.98	
Area Meetings		423.90	
Stationery, Office Expense and Supplies		983.76	
Regalia G.M. and Officers		260.00	
Furniture and Fixtures		205.00	
Conferences:			
All Canada	$649.56		
Banff	557.70		
Washington	64.89		
		1,272.15	
Audit		400.00	
Postage and Express		545.28	
Certificates M.M.		75.57	
Telephone and Telegraph		147.60	
Committee Meetings		155.60	
Flowers		107.89	
Jewels, 50 Year		287.50	
Masonic Relief Association		115.23	
Insurance		6.80	
Unemployment Insurance		108.84	
Exchange		45.18	
Safety Deposit Box		25.00	
Grand Master's Funeral Expense		174.36	
Fidelity Bonds		4.00	
Miscellaneous		148.22	
			27,933.37
Excess of Expenditure over Income, Exhibit "A"			$ 541.88

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

GENERAL FUND

As at March 31, 1957

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Cr.
1.	Prince Rupert's	$ 1.00	
3.	Ancient Landmark	.50	
4.	St. John's	8.04	
6.	Emerson	2.50	
11.	Gladstone	3.00	
13.	Morden	5.00	
14.	Prince of Wales	6.00	
15.	Corinthian		$ 1.55
19.	Brandon	30.70	
24.	Neepawa	2.00	
27.	Glenwood	6.50	
29.	Carberry		4.00
39.	Birtle	5.50	
40.	Deloraine	.50	
48.	Glenboro	.75	
50.	Killarney	15.00	
54.	Oriental		.25
63.	Holland		1.65
67.	Wawanesa	9.00	
68.	Vermillion	4.00	
92.	Shoal Lake		10.00
94.	Hiram	2.25	
100.	Robbie Burns	3.95	
101.	Binscarth	5.00	
102.	Miniota	2.50	
103.	Crescent	5.50	
106.	Strathclair	7.10	
107.	Lansdowne		4.80
111.	Acacia	13.80	
112.	Ophir	.70	
113.	Tweed	29.80	
115.	Rivers		6.50
118.	Mound		.60
119.	Norwood		20.00
123.	Transcona	1.00	
124.	The Pas	1.25	
128.	Victory	2.50	
131.	Kildonan	13.80	
133.	McCreary		2.5
134.	Stony Mountain	1.00	
136.	Capitol	4.35	
141.	Tuscan	.10	
143.	Mt. Sinai	36.45	
147.	Jubilee	10.00	
	Carried Forward	$241.04	$51.85

Schedule "1"
Continued

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

GENERAL FUND

As at March 31, 1957

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount Dr.	Cr.
	Brought Forward	$241.04	$51.85
150.	Cartwright	14.30	
153.	Flin Flon	25.95	
154.	Pine Falls	.50	
156.	Manitouwapa	6.50	
161.	Fort Prince of Wales		1.50
163.	Charleswood	18.60	
164.	Harry Woods	.80	
165.	Friendship	1.05	
168.	Wheat City		7.20
U.D.	Three Pillars	18.60	
	J. G. Wiechman	1.25	
	7th Masonic District	1.00	
		$329.59	$60.55
		60.55	
	Exhibit "A"	$269.04	

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE SHEET

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31, 1957

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 1,624.49
Investments:	Par	Cost	
Prov. of Manitoba Debentures	$ 26,500.00	$ 25,951.25	
Province of New Brunswick	21,500.00	20,252.50	
Province of Nova Scotia	10,000.00	9,925.00	
Province of Ontario	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Government of Canada Bonds	131,900.00	131,426.63	
Canadian National Rlys. Bonds	27,000.00	27,098.75	
City of Winnipeg Debentures	37,000.00	34,780.00	
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario	59,000.00	59,011.25	
Manitoba Hydro Electric Board	23,500.00	23,558.75	
			337,004.13
			$338,628.62

SURPLUS

Surplus, Balance March 31, 1956		$339,054.78	
Deduct: Loss on Bonds Sold	$2,013.50		
Less: Excess of Income over Expenditure (Exhibit "D")	1,587.34		
		426.16	
Surplus, As at March 31, 1957			$338,628.62

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1957, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31, 1957.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 5, 1957.

Exhibit "D"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

For the Year Ended March 31, 1957

INCOME

Donations, Lodges	$1,053.84	
Life Members' Fees	535.00	
		$1,588.84

EXPENDITURE

Exchange	1.50
Excess of Income over Expenditure (Exhibit "C")	$1,587.34

Exhibit "E"

BALANCE SHEET

BENEFICIARY FUND

As at March 31, 1957

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce:			
Savings Account		$ 811.05	
Current Account		994.32	
			$ 1,805.37
Investments:	Par Value	Cost	
Government of Canada Bonds	$20,400.00	$20,343.75	
Province of Manitoba	10,000.00	10,125.00	
Province of Ontario	7,000.00	6,790.00	
Canadian National Railway	7,000.00	6,973.75	
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario	11,500.00	10,598.75	
Accrued Interest Purchased		80.49	
			54,911.74
			$56,717.11

SURPLUS

Surplus, Balance March 31, 1956		$58,448.78	
Loss on Bonds Sold	$ 1,089.55		
Excess of Expenditure over Income (Exhibit "F")	692.12		
	$ 1,781.67		
Less: Donation Received	50.00		
		1,731.67	
Surplus, As at March 31, 1957			$56,717.11

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1957, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31, 1957.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 5, 1957.

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31, 1957

INCOME

Interest—Bonds and Debentures:		
Endowment Fund	$11,026.79	
Beneficiary Fund	1,696.85	
		$12,723.64
Interest—Bank		2.69
		$12,726.33

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (per Schedule "2")	$13,118.45	
Postage, Printing and Stationery	300.00	
		13,418.45
Excess of Expenditure over Income (Exhibit "E")		$ 692.12

Schedule "2"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 1957

No.	Name of Lodge	Case No.	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert's	347	$ 185.00
1.	Prince Rupert's	378	245.15
1.	Prince Rupert's	400	245.00
2.	Lisgar	268	125.15
2.	Lisgar	387	365.15
3.	Ancient Landmark	374	245.00
4.	St. John's	302	125.00
4.	St. John's	397	485.00
10.	Northern Light	316	245.00
10.	Northern Light	426	190.15
10.	Northern Light	432	105.00
24.	Neepawa	307	125.15
24.	Neepawa	399	485.15
24.	Neepawa	398	485.15
39.	Birtle	389	185.00
40.	Deloraine	396	365.15
43.	Lebanon	341	175.00
43.	Lebanon	431	150.00
44.	Oak Lake	394	240.00
44.	Oak Lake	405	305.15
68.	Vermillion	380	245.15
68.	Vermillion	424	125.15
71.	Crystal	434	20.30
84.	Hamiota	310	245.00
90.	Midlothian	373	245.15
92.	Shoal Lake	404	365.00
93.	King Edward	364	305.00
93.	King Edward	375	605.00
93.	King Edward	412	365.00
100.	Robbie Burns	291	365.15
103.	Crescent	350	365.15
104.	Reston	419	125.00
106.	Strathclair	433	30.00
108.	Union	415	245.15
111.	Acacia	376	125.00
113.	Tweed	365	125.15
113.	Tweed	421	305.15
119.	Norwood	124	125.00
119.	Norwood	388	60.00
119.	Norwood	428	150.00
120.	Penza	414	125.15
129.	Shellmouth	409	125.15
131.	Kildonan	406	185.00
134.	Stony Mountain	355	365.00
134.	Stony Mountain	427	305.15
	Carried forward		$10,723.30

Schedule "2"
(Continued)

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 1957

No.	Name of Lodge	Case No.	Amount
	Brought forward		$10,723.30
137.	Lord Selkirk	367	225.00
137.	Lord Selkirk	430	170.00
139.	Beaver	381	125.00
139.	Beaver	429	225.00
140.	Meridian	416	245.00
146.	Fidelity	410	365.00
146.	Fidelity	425	185.00
148.	Seven Oaks	368	125.00
151.	The Dormer	386	365.00
153.	Flin Flon	352	365.15
	Total (Exhibit "F")		$13,118.45

Exhibit "G"

MASONIC DISASTER RELIEF FUND

BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 1957

ASSETS

Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 1,107.45
Investments:	Par Value	Cost	
Government of Canada Bonds:			
1963—3%	$ 5,000.00	$ 4,700.00	
1966—3%	5,000.00	4,643.75	
1979—3¼%	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Province of Manitoba:			
1978—3½%	10,000.00	8,550.00	
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario:			
1976—4%	1,000.00	1,000.00	
1976—4%	1,000.00	920.00	
	$26,000.00		23,813.75
			$24,921.20

SURPLUS

Surplus as at March 31, 1956		$24,277.97	
Add:			
Bond Interest	$769.65		
Bank Interest	3.58		
		773.23	
		$25,051.20	
Less: Loss on Bonds Sold		130.00	
Surplus as at March 31, 1957			$24,921.20

Exhibit "H"

WAR EFFORT FUND

BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 1957

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce		$ 156.06
Investment:		
Government of Canada Bond 1963—3% (Par Value $800.00)		752.00
		$ 908.06

SURPLUS

Surplus as at March 31, 1956		$ 882.58
Add:		
Bank Interest	$ 1.48	
Bond Interest	24.00	
		25.48
Surplus as at March 31, 1957		$ 908.06

Exhibit "I"

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD DISASTER FUND

BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31, 1957

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce			$ 922.90
Investments:	Par Value		
Government of Canada Bonds:			
1979—3¼%	$14,000.00	$14,000.00	
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario:			
1976—4%	1,000.00	1,000.00	
			15,000.00
			$15,922.90

SURPLUS

Surplus as at March 31, 1956		$15,421.89	
Add:			
Bond Interest	$495.00		
Bank Interest	6.01	501.01	
Surplus as at March 31, 1957			$15,922.90

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
As at March 31, 1957

Exhibit "K"

ASSETS

Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce		$ 17,076.59	
Cash on Hand		100.00	
Accounts Receivable		269.04	
			$ 17,445.63
Inventory—Supplies and Stock			3,987.00
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures, Regalia, Library and Fixtures, Valued at			1.00
Investments:	Par Value	Cost	
Prov. of Manitoba Debentures	$ 46,500.00	$ 44,626.25	
Government of Canada	191,100.00	189,866.13	
Canadian National Railways	34,000.00	34,072.50	
City of Winnipeg Debentures	37,000.00	34,780.00	
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario	73,500.00	72,530.00	
Manitoba Hydro Electric Board	23,500.00	23,558.75	
Province of Ontario	12,000.00	11,790.00	
Province of New Brunswick	21,500.00	20,252.50	
Province of Nova Scotia	10,000.00	9,925.00	
	$449,100.00	$441,401.13	
Accrued Interest Purchased		80.49	
			441,481.62
			$462,915.25

LIABILITIES

Current:		
Accounts Payable	$ 456.00	
Funds Held in Trust	285.00	
		$ 741.00

SURPLUS

Surplus:		
General Fund	$ 25,076.36	
Endowment	338,628.62	
Beneficiary	56,717.11	
Disaster Relief Fund	24,921.20	
War Effort	908.06	
Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund	15,922.90	
Total Surplus as at March 31, 1957		462,174.25
		$462,915.25

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31, 1957, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31, 1957.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 5, 1957.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL RELATIONS

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on External Relations submits its annual report as follows:

In this Committee's report of one year ago, further time was requested to study the request for recognition from the Grand Lodge for the State of Israel, and the United Lodge of Germany. Our studies are now complete.

We recommend full recognition and appointment of Representatives for the Grand Lodge for the State of Israel and the United Grand Lodge of Germany.

This Committee has under consideration, requests from four other Grand Jurisdictions who have requested recognition, but our studies of these requests are not sufficiently far enough advanced for action at this time.

Our study of these requests for recognition from Jurisdictions in various parts of the Masonic world, indicates to this Committee that in those states in particular, where suffering and destruction was beyond description Freemasonry is rebuilding on a broader and more solid foundation, and inspires the hope that in the near future, we will witness a new conception of Freemasonry in a greater effort to bring peace and understanding to mankind.

We extend our fraternal greetings to all those Grand Jurisdictions with whom we enjoy the fullest amity and fellowship.

In particular, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes to the United Grand Lodge of Germany and the Grand Lodge for the State of Israel, for the high standards they have set up and maintained since their Institution.

In the midst of powerful political disturbances and many other factors that appeared insurmountable, the leaders of these two Grand Lodges have erected and maintained their Grand Lodges, and taken their places among the regular Grand Lodges of the world, and we congratulate them.

Right Worshipful Sir, your Committee on External Relations wishes to express to you its appreciation and understanding of the heavy duties you have assumed during the past six months, and express our earnest prayer that the Grand Architect of the Universe may bless you with courage, strength and good health that you may carry out whatever duties you may assume.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee on External Relations.

F. H. BLYTHE,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130) and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence begs to submit the Annual Report for the year ended March 31st, 1957.

Your Committee met whenever required, to consider applications for benevolence from new applicants and to review renewal applications from those already receiving assistance.

During the year, April 1st, 1956, to March 31st, 1957, seven Beneficiaries have been removed from our list, four voluntarily and three by death. Six new cases have been added, making a total of forty-eight Beneficiaries as at March 31st, 1957. During the same period, your Committee has disbursed $13,118.45 for Benevolence and $300.00 for printing and other sundry expenses, making a total disbursement of $13,418.45. The earnings for the same period are as follows:

From Interest, Benevolent Endowment Fund	$11,026.79
From Interest, Beneficiary Surplus Account	1,696.85
From Interest, Bank Account	2.69
	$12,726.33

You will note from the above figures that we have again operated at a loss. Our deficit this year being $692.12. From this amount should be deducted $50.00 donated by Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.

Your Committee feel that if the present assistance is to be maintained, something must be done to augment our present Fund. The earnings from the Benevolent Endowment Fund do not at the present time, produce sufficient revenue to meet all our requests for benevolence. We have been able to keep up our payments only because we have had a reserve in the Beneficiary Fund. Over the last few years, this surplus has been reduced and as the account is reduced its earnings become less. We feel the time has come when the brethren must decide one of two things —either reduce allowances or increase the earnings account. We feel sure that no one desires to decrease allowances to those in need. Consequently your Committee is recommending to Grand Lodge, by way of an amendment to the Constitution, an annual assessment of 50c per member to be credited to the Benevolent Endowment Account. Your Committee on Benevolence in its report last year suggested that the Benevolent Endowment Fund should be at least $500,000.00. While it will take a number of years to achieve this desired amount, we feel the goal will be reached ultimately if our recommendation is accepted by Grand Lodge.

Your Committee acknowledges with thanks, donations during the year, which have been placed to the credit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund, as follows:

DONATIONS TO THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF GRAND LODGE

Individuals		Lodges	
W. Guymer (124)	$ 5.00	Prince Rupert's (1)	$100.00
J. P. Johnson (124)	10.00	Northern Light (10)	100.00
H. P. Moffat (124)	5.00	Neepawa (24)	50.00
A. L. Jacobs (124)	10.00	Shiloh (70)	10.00
Alex Gunn (2)	5.00	King Edward (93)	100.00
G. R. Ball (146)	20.00	Norwood (119)	25.00
J. D. Bell (44)	25.00	Penza (120)	18.75
C. S. Doherty (158)	8.00	McCreary (133)	15.00
Anonymous	10.00	Stony Mountain (134)	87.00
N. Rothstein (141)	25.00	Seven Oaks (148)	50.00
W. C. McDonald (70)	22.40	The Dormer (151)	50.00
	$145.40	Flin Flon (153)	100.00
		Pine Falls (154)	83.00
		Rice Lake (157)	57.00
	$ 145.40		845.75
	908.44	Fifth Masonic District	62.69
Total Donations	$1,053.84		$908.44

We also acknowledge with thanks the donation of $50.00 from Fort Garry Lodge No. 130, to the Beneficiary Fund.

Your Committee is pleased to report the usual $5.00 cheques were sent to all Beneficiaries at Christmas. We again urge upon all Masters and Secretaries of constituent lodges the importance of adhering to the regulations as defined in Section 11 (*b*) 3 of the Constitution respecting grants to Beneficiaries, and request that full details be supplied to the Grand Secretary with regard to renewals, removals and new applications.

Since the Benevolent Endowment Fund was first instituted, the sum of $345,506.57 has been disbursed in grants. The capital amount of the fund is $338,628.62.

We express our thanks to the Grand Secretary and his staff who have at all times and on all occasions been most helpful.

In conclusion, your Committee has endeavored to administer the Fund so as to make ample provision for those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. MacDONALD,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald (4) who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by W.Bro. S. H. Allen (141) and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, announced that the reception of Distinguished Guests and the Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions would take place at the Evening Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Afternoon Session was adjourned at 4.35 p.m. to be resumed at 8.00 o'clock in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th, 1957

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters entered the Grand Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the Processional Hymn "Not Alone for Mighty Empire."

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David Rothstein called the brethren from Refreshment to Labor.

MOTION RE HONORARY RANK

The following Motion was presented by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), seconded by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4) and carried:

"Section 4 of our Constitution gives Grand Lodge the authority to confer upon brethren who have rendered distinguished service to the Craft, Honorary Rank in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M.W. Bro. John B. Tomhave,
Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. Otto L. Danek,
Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. J. C. McCormick,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

who, by their service to Masonry in general, their efforts to maintain that spirit of International Goodwill which has long existed between our Grand Jurisdictions, can justly be designated as having rendered distinguished service.

I would therefore move that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby confer on M.W. Bro. John B. Tomhave, M.W. Bro. Otto L. Danek, and M.W. Bro. James C. McCormick, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David Rothstein directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker (4) to retire and instructed him to re-enter. escorting our Distinguished Guests into Grand Lodge.

A Guard of Honor, a detail of Brethren who are members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were piped into the Grand Lodge room by Bro. Flt. Sgt. Piper John Frederick (St. John's Lodge 963, Scotland) and Bro. Sgt. Piper Murdo MacLeod (25), of the Royal Canadian Air Force 402 Squadron Pipe Band, and took their position on both sides of the Grand Lodge Room.

The following Distinguished Guests were then introduced:

Grand Lodge of Alberta
M.W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Wm. H. Jackson, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, Grand Secretary,
R. W. Bro. D. Helman, D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141)

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan
M.W. Bro. R. C. Hodsman, Grand Master
R.W. Bro. T. R. Luke, Deputy Grand Master
Introduced by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)

Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario)
R.W. Bro. Wellington Smith, Senior Grand Warden
Introduced by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (7)

Grand Lodge of Minnesota
M.W. Bro. G. R. Wilson, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. O. L. Danek, Im. P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. E. J. Simon, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. J. B. Tomhave, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. E. W. Johnson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. L. E. Matson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. W. L. Hillyer, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. Miles Martin, Deputy Grand Master
Introduced by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93)

Grand Lodge of North Dakota

M.W. Bro. J. C. McCormick, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. C. M. Pollock, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. H. S. Pond, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary
M.W. Bro. J. A. Stormon, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. E. J. Franta, P.G.M.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

M.W. Bro. Harry A. Speich, Im. P.G.M.
Introduced by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)

These guests were received with Grand Honors and were welcomed by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, who remarked he was extending greetings on behalf of the 16,000 Freemasons in Manitoba. He said their presence was an example to the rest of the world of how the people of two nations can live side by side in love and harmony. Our Guests and their sponsors were then invited to take seats in the Grand East.

FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Bearers were then piped in to Grand Lodge. Bro. Sgt. H. S. Stilborn (29) carrying the Union Jack and Bro. Const. O. Larsen (419, Canada in Ontario) carrying the Star and Stripes. The flags were presented at the Altar where they were dipped in salute.

Bro. Sgt. H. S. Stilborn—Union Jack:

"I now present our flag—The Union Jack—the emblem of Freedom and Democracy. As its component crosses were successively combined to symbolize the voluntary unions of free peoples, so may it continue to typify the greater unities of our Commonwealth.

"May the red, the color of the sacrificial blood of the martyrs, the white, like the snowy lambskin of Masonry, and the blue of the changeless vault of the sky, symbolically depicting courage, purity and truth, blend wherever it floats the wide world round to blazon forth a sure pledge of liberty, equality and fraternity for all peoples everywhere. Long may it wave."

Then the Brethren sang "God Save the Queen."

Bro. Const. O. Larsen—The Star and Stripes:

"I now present the flag of the United States of America—The Stars and Stripes. As its stripes represent the original thirteen States and its stars represent the original thirteen and thirty-five other States which have successively been added to the great Republic, so may it continue to grow in the respect of other nations and in its powerful support of freedom the wide world over.

"I join with my brother flag-bearer and borrow his words. Wherever the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes float, may they with one voice, blazon forth a sure pledge of liberty, equality and fraternity for all peoples everywhere. In the unity of that pledge, long may they wave."

The Brethren then sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

The flags were then carried to the Grand East where they were deposited, to remain for the duration of the Communication. The Flag Bearers and Guard of Honor were then piped out, retiring from the Meeting.

PAST GRAND MASTERS

Presented to Grand Lodge at this point were the following Past Grand Masters:

M.W. Bros. J. S. MacEwing, Wm. Douglas, D. S. Woods, S. H. Fahrni, M. S. Donovan, H. B. Donnelly, W. C. McDonald, C. E. Cole, F. H. Blythe, G. A. McMorran, H. H. Gray, R. E. Emmett.

The Deputy Grand Master said he welcomed the opportunity to publicly, sincerely and humbly thank them for their unselfish devotion to our Grand Lodge and more particularly for their assistance given to him personally during the past six months.

These Most Worshipful Brethren were greeted with applause.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF LODGES

The Masters of Constituent Lodges present were asked to rise and the Deputy Grand Master thanked them for their support as shown by their attendance at this Annual Communication. He urged them to take back to their respective lodges a summary of the work done at the Communication.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta brought greetings on behalf of his Grand Lodge and thanked us for the most pleasant time he was having while our guest.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSIONS TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

At the request of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies presented the following brethren at the Grand East where the Deputy Grand Master presented them with Commissions as Grand Representatives:

Alabama	R.W. Bro. A. C. Orchard (90)
Argentina	R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff (130)
Colorado	R.W. Bro A. A. MacDonald (4)
Guatemala	R.W. Bro. H. S. Perdue (113)
Iceland	W. Bro. J. K. Laxdal (2)
Illinois	V.W. Bro. W. K. Mulock (1)
Montana	R.W. Bro. P. Hammonds (113)
Oklahoma	R.W. Bro. Jas. Mathewson (24)
South Australia	W. Bro. S. H. Allen (141)
Wisconsin	R.W. Bro. G. J. Long (6)

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker (4) then presented the Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, who in turn presented greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodges they represent, as follows:

Alabama	R.W. Bro. A. C. Orchard
Alberta	R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr
Alpina (Switzerland)	M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni
Argentina	R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff
Arizona	R.W. Bro. A. D. Blair
Arkansas	R.W. Bro. G. H. Lucas
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
Chile	W. Bro. H. Bookhalter
Columbia	V.W. Bro. C. R. Beswatherick
Colorado	R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald
Costa Rica	R.W. Bro. J. D. Lloyd
Cuba	R.W. Bro. W. P. White
Delaware	R.W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman
District of Columbia	W. Bro. A. C. Cabel
England	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
France, N.G.L.	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
France, G.L.	R.W. Bro. John Norquay
Guatemala	R.W. Bro. H. S. Perdue
Georgia	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh
Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan
Iceland, N.G.L.	W. Bro. J. K. Laxdal
Idaho	W. Bro. S. J. Sametz
Illinois	V.W. Bro. W. K. Mulock

Indiana	M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Iowa	M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran
Ireland	M.W. Bro. H. Coddington
Kansas	R.W. Bro. J. Cuthill
Kentucky	V.W. Bro. J. D. McKinlay
Louisiana	M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Maryland	R.W. Bro. D. Ferguson
Massachusetts	V.W. Bro. P. G. Hawkins
Mexico, Y.G.L.	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Michigan	R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe
Mississippi	R.W. Bro. J. R. Glenn
Missouri	M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson
Montana	R.W. Bro. P. Hammonds
Nebraska	R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein
Netherlands	R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover
Nevada	R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat
New Brunswick	R.W. Bro. R. A. McKenzie
New Hampshire	R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions
New Jersey	R.W. Bro. David Rothstein
New Mexico	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New South Wales	W. Bro. I. Zipursky
New York	R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate
North Dakota	M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Oklahoma	R.W. Bro. J. Mathewson
Oregon	R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton
Panama	R.W. Bro. W. Dalzell
Philippines	W. Bro. G. Paulson
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Prince Edward Island	R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes
Quebec	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
Santa Domingo	R.W. Bro. E. L. White
Saskatchewan	M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
Sao Paulo	R.W. Bro. E. B. Litz
South Australia	W. Bro. S. H. Allen
South Carolina	W. Bro. W. M. Frame
South Dakota	R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann
Tasmania	R.W. Bro. T. L. Dodsworth
Tennessee	M.W. Bro. J. S. MacEwing
Texas	W. Bro. H. G. Kilpatrick
Utah	R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
Vermont	R.W. Bro. E. M. Finkleman
Victoria	R.W. Bro. A. R. Dick
Virginia	V.M. Bro. C. Hyde
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker
Western Australia	V.M. Bro. J. B. McClure
Wisconsin	R.W. Bro. G. J. Long

In acknowledging their greetings, the Deputy Grand Master asked them to convey to the Grand Lodges they represent our hearty good wishes.

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113) speaking on behalf of all the Grand Representatives present said they would all do their best to fulfill the duties assigned to them.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

The following report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, prepared by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51) was read by the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113):

To the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Let us remember together all those who this past year have journeyed "through the valley of the shadow of death" into "a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God."

Because the Masonic Order is founded upon the Volume of the Sacred Law, we know that the brand of the Great Architect of the Universe is upon each of us. "God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him." We are not our own. The Most High created us, gave us the gift of life, loved us as a father, and when we went "astray like lost sheep" He sought us out and strove to win us back. We are the Lord's.

By a gracious gift of God we are the heirs of life. We can squander that inheritance or use it to grow in favor with God and man.

As Masons, however, we confess that our lives have a meaning beyond all that can change if they are lived in obedience to the will of the Most High. As true sons of the Father we obey His commandments and do His will. Man truly lives as he lives in obedience to the Living God, as he is "bound up in the bundle of life" with the Lord his God.

Eternal life is God's life. It is not mere quantity or duration of life. It is a quality of life begun here and continued hereafter. It is a life not rooted in the transience and evanescence of this world, but in the permanence and reality of God's world. Such life can not be terminated by death. Such life the Most High gives to those who love him, who seek to know Him, and strive to do His will.

When the waters of death overwhelm our frail barques, we die knowing that God can overcome the waters and will give His faithful ones eternal life. Our God is a Living God.

It is in this faith that we laid the body of our Grand Master in the cold bosom of the earth. It is in this faith that we buried 309 brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. It is in this faith that we too shall die.

This year the Rider of the Pale Horse, Death, visited our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin, and two Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. A. L. Crossin and M.W. Bro. E. T. Greenway, fourteen officers and Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and two hundred and ninety-two brethren.

> "For God created man to be immortal, and made him in the image of His own eternity. . . . The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there can no evil touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, and their going from us

is thought to be destruction; but they are in peace, and their hope is full of immortality: for God hath proved them, and found them worthy of Himself."

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. NEWCOMBE,
Chairman.

The brethren were called to order and stood while a Memorial Service paid tribute to those brethren who during the past Masonic year had answered the call of the Great Architect of the Universe, to meet under that bright morning star whence all goodness eminates.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF HONORARY RANK

The Grand Director of Ceremonies presented M.W. Bro. J. B. Tomhave, M.W. Bro. O. L. Danek and M.W. Bro. J. C. McCormick at the Grand East.

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Rothstein informed them that all three, by their own efforts, skills and personalities, had made such contributions to Freemasonry that it was the wish of this Grand Lodge to acknowledge their Masonic work. He informed them it was the unanimous decision that they be asked to become one of us and he had pleasure in presenting Certificates of Membership in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba with the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master.

All expressed their thanks with the hope we would always feel they were worthy of the recognition given them.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, R.W. BROTHER DAVID ROTHSTEIN

My Brethren:

I doubt if there was ever a more difficult report to give in all the Eighty-two Communications of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. With this in mind I trust you will understand why this year the Grand Master's Address will of necessity, be different in nature from what it has been in the past.

Last June, at the Eighty-first Communication of Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin was elected and installed as your Grand Master. Even at that time he was not in the best of health, but was determined to perform his duties as Grand Master to the best of his abilities. His plans were well laid. With all the enthusiasm and energy he could muster M.W. Bro. Irwin commenced his duties. Those of us who knew he was not in perfect health, tried without success, to get him to maintain an easier pace. It was not to be. His love for the Craft and his desire to do his duty even if it meant personal sacrifice, drove him on and on until finally his body could no longer take the strain, and he was struck down with the illness that proved to be his last fight.

M.W. Bro. Irwin passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Saturday, December 15th, 1956, quietly and peacefully prepared to meet his Maker, knowing full well he had, to the best of his ability, practiced his religion, his Masonry and his Citizenship, in his Church, his Lodge and not only the Community in which he lived, but throughout Canada and the United States. No matter where he went and in whatever capacity he served, you knew, once you met this man who had lived close to the soil, that his every effort was directed to the betterment of mankind.

Knowing of the plans he had on his Trestle Board and knowing how he looked forward to carrying out his duties as Grand Master of Masons in Manitoba, we bow our heads in grief as we realize that he did not have the time nor the energy to carry them out. However, we should not grieve for long—we should be happy in the thought that we knew J. Ferguson Irwin. We should be happy to know he was content with his contributions to his fellow man. Happy in the thought that he passed to the Great Beyond peacefully and without pain following to the last, his Christian belief in immortality.

These opening paragraphs are not meant to be a eulogy to our late Grand Master, for this, I suggest you read in the Proceedings of this Communication, the eulogy given by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, P.G.M. of our Grand Jurisdiction, at the funeral service held at Neepawa on Tuesday, December 18th, 1956. M.W. Bro. Fahrni's fine tribute will never be forgotten by the many friends and Masons who attended the special Service conducted by the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The Grand Jurisdiction will long remember M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin. I would

like to read to you some lines written by H. N. Fifer, which I think more than any words I can express, exemplify our late Grand Master:

WHAT WAS HIS CREED?

"I do not know his creed, I only know
That here below, he walked the common road
And lifted many a load, lightened the task,
Brightened the day for others toiling on a weary way:
This, his only need; I do not know his creed.

"What was his creed? I never heard him speak
Of visions rapturous, of Alpine peaks,
Of doctrine, dogma, new or old;
But this I know, he was forever bold
To stand alone, to face the challenge of each day,
To live the truth, so far as he could see—
The truth that evermore makes free.

"His Creed? I care not what his creed;
Enough that never yielded he to greed;
But served a brother in his daily need;
Plucked many a thorn and planted many a flower,
Glorified the service of each hour;
Had faith in God, himself and fellowman.
Perchance he never thought in terms of creed
I only know, he lived a life in deed."

Further reports of the activities of M.W. Bro. Irwin together with his Funeral Service will be found in this and other reports during this Communication.

Following the requirements of our Constitution, I, as your Deputy Grand Master, having assumed the duties and responsibilities of your Grand Master, have tried to the best of my knowledge and ability to carry on in the tradition set by your Past Grand Masters. My report to you with respect to your Grand Lodge will be presented in two parts. The first will be a report of the activities of M.W. Bro. Irwin, the second part will deal with my activities since December 1956, the time of the passing of our Grand Master.

NECROLOGY

A great number of Masons accompanied your Grand Lodge Officers to Neepawa on Tuesday, December 18th, to

conduct the Funeral Service for our late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin. A special Communication of Grand Lodge was opened in the Masonic Temple where the Service was held. This was the first official duty of your Deputy Grand Master. After the service, the brethren marched to the Presbyterian Church in Neepawa where the religious service was held. I would like to add brethren, that this was a most inspiring service. The Masonic Graveside Service was held in the Church and was conducted by M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, assisted by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe, the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of Neepawa Lodge No. 24. It was felt, due to the severe weather, the Service would lose much of its dignity if held outdoors. After the remains were laid to rest in a beautiful spot in Neepawa Cemetery, all the brethren returned to the Temple where the Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge was closed. Ladies of the Eastern Star served hot refreshments. Mrs. J. F. Irwin was present and thanked all those present individually, which was a very fine gesture. Mrs. Irwin was accompanied by her two daughters, Mrs. Western of London, England, and Mrs. A. S. McJannett of Winnipeg.

Here we pause to pay tribute to the memory of those brethren of this and Sister Grand Lodges who have passed to the Celestial Grand Lodge Above. Through our Grand Chaplain in his report and in our Memorial Service, sincere tribute has been paid to all our deceased brethren. I wish to mention the names of our Past Grand Masters, A. L. Crossin and E. T. Greenway, two of Manitoba's finest citizens who made outstanding contributions not only to Freemasonry but to our Province as well. Honorary Past Grand Master George F. Ellis (Alberta), Secretary-Treasurer of the Banff Conference since its inception, Grand Master W. R. Bradford, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; Honorary Past Grand Master George W. Christie of Minnesota who had endeared himself to the brethren in Manitoba.

It is my sad duty to report the passing of M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy on Monday, May 27th. M.W. Bro. Claudy was one of the most outstanding Masons in North America, known throughout the world for his Masonic writing, both educational, fiction and dramatic. He will be sorely missed by all.

We record with sorrow and regret the loss sustained by our Sister Grand Lodges:

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April 14 M.W. Bro. George Alfred Luxford, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Colorado.

May 4 M.W. Bro. Neil E. Reid, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Michigan.

May 6 R.W. Bro. Convers E. Leach, P.J.G.W. and Grand Secty, Grand Lodge of Maine.

May 14 M.W. Bro. John Robt. Clark, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Colorado.

May 19 M.W. Bro. Dillon Crist, P.G.M. and P.G. Treas., Grand Lodge of Ohio.

May 24 M.W. Bro. John T. Orr, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Montana.

June 18 M.W. Bro. Albert Whitman Claflin, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

July 12 M.W. Bro. Geo. W. Christie, P.G.M., Minnesota, Hon. P.G.M., Manitoba.

July 12 R.W. Bro. J. Russell Oliver, G. Treas., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Aug. 7 M.W. Bro. Virgil R. Johnson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Sept. 2 M.W. Bro. Granville Chase Gray, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Maine.

Sept. 14 M.W. Bro. Charles Pelham Moore, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Sept. 18 M.W. Bro. James Walker Payne, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Sept. 22 M.W. Bro. Herbert F. Hosfield, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Montana.

Oct. 2 M.W. Bro. Fred. C. Mock, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Idaho.

Oct. 15 M.W. Bro. J. C. Brown, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Oct. 30 M.W. Bro. Simon H. Rubel, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

Nov. 14 M.W. Bro. Asa Herbert Hankerson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Washington.

Nov. 21 M.W. Bro. Claude M. Jacoby, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Dec. 1 R.W. Bro. Douglas LeTell Rights, Grand His., Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Dec. 3 R.W. Bro. Daniel Gibbs Chaplin, P.J.G.W., Grand Lodge of Maine.

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Jan. 4 M.W. Bro. Joseph Hedges Ewalt, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Jan. 12 M.W. Bro. Leslie M. Sanford, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

Jan. 19 M.W. Bro. Edgar Walter Timberlake, Jr., P.G.M., Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Jan. 26 M.W. Bro. O. H. Gerhard Jacobsen, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

Feb. 2 M.W. Bro. Charles Winsor Littlefield, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Feb. 3 R.W. Bro. Harry Eugene Rowe, P.S.G.W., Grand Lodge of Maine.

Feb. 13 M.W. Bro. Wm. M. Nelson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Colorado.

Feb. 23 M.W. Bro. Hebbert Henderson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Mar. 14 M.W. Bro. William Menzies, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

April 4 M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis, P.G.M., Alberta, Hon. P.G.M., Manitoba.

April 12 M.W. Bro. Walter Russell Bradford, G.M., Grand Lodge of Quebec.

VISITS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

We have endeavored, as in the past, to maintain and strengthen the ties we have with other Grand Jurisdictions. I am happy to report that our relationship with them remains close and cordial. Our representatives were received with full honors and courtesy, and they in turn expressed the best wishes from the brethren of Manitoba. Our late Grand Master visited the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Saskatchewan, a special Anniversary Meeting of Indian Head Lodge, Sask., and the Banff Conference in September. Also in September he made his Official visits to the three Northern Lodges, The Pas No. 124, Flin Flon No. 153, and Fort Prince of Wales No. 161.

The following is a list of other visitations made by M.W. Bro. Irwin:

1956

Aug. 29—Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge to lay the Corner Stone of the Portage Collegiate, Portage la Prairie.
Sept. 12—Fort Prince of Wales Lodge No. 161, Churchill.
Sept. 14—The Pas Lodge No. 124, The Pas.
Sept. 15—Flin Flon Lodge No. 153, Flin Flon.
Sept. 29—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, special Saturday meeting.
Oct. 1—Ninth Masonic District Meeting, Dauphin.
Oct. 2—Fifth Masonic District Meeting, Birtle.
Oct. 3—Second Masonic District Meeting, Austin.
Oct. 4—Fourth Masonic District Meeting, Boissevain.
Oct. 5—Eighth Masonic District Meeting, Emerson.
Oct. 10—Seventh Masonic District Meeting, Brandon.
Oct. 11—Official Visit to Norwood Lodge No. 119.
Oct. 12—Third Masonic District Meeting, Treherne.
Oct. 15—Tenth Masonic District Meeting, West Kildonan.
Oct. 18—Sixth Masonic District Meeting, Souris.
Oct. 23—Doric Lodge No. 36, Boissevain, Official Visit.
Nov. 2—King Edward Lodge No. 93.
Nov. 6—"The Assiniboine" Lodge 114, Canadian Night.
Nov. 9—Strathclair Lodge No. 106, 50th Anniversary.

Our late Grand Master made a great many visitations which, unfortunately, are not recorded, they being unofficial visits, but his comments to us lead us to believe he greatly enjoyed these impromptu visits.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The Grand Master attended the above mentioned District Meetings and I am convinced was very pleased with the way they were attended and the manner in which they were carried out. The programmes were instructive and interesting and, in each case, a stirring address by the Grand Master was given. Although plagued by ill health, long distances to travel between meetings and late hours, I know he enjoyed every meeting. The Grand Secretary again demonstrated his vast knowledge of the workings of Grand Lodge and answered many questions pertaining to it. Your Deputy Grand Master acted as Master of Ceremonies

during the Question and Answer periods. From my observations I would say the District Meetings in 1956 were of the same high calibre as in the past.

CONSTITUTIONS AND CONSECRATIONS

The Grand Master had the distinct pleasure of Constituting and Consecrating Wheat City Lodge No. 168 on June 28th, 1956, at Brandon. Although in poor health, M.W. Bro. Irwin found deep satisfaction in performing this pleasant task. We compliment the brethren of Wheat City Lodge for their efforts, and adding still further to the prestige of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

LODGES UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER

Our Grand Master visited the Northern Lodges, which are under his direct supervision. He often spoke of the outstanding hospitality of our Northern brethren and of the great work they are doing in that area. I am sure if he were writing this report his comments would fill the hearts of these brethren. Our Grand Secretary accompanied M.W. Bro. Irwin on this trip and reports continued progress in all three lodges.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR JEWELS

Your Grand Lodge Officers take the greatest pleasure and delight in making these presentations to brethren who have served the Craft for Fifty years. The Jewel, while not precious in a monetary sense, is as precious as the most valuable of jewels in the hearts of all Freemasons in this Jurisdiction, in that it represents the love, affection and esteem in which we hold the recipients, for their continued contribution to the Craft. Time will not allow a full account of each presentation, and although each one is as important as the next, I would like to make comment on two of these presentations:

On February 11th I had the pleasure of presenting his jewel to W. Bro. Joseph Orr, Past Master of Windsor Lodge No. 138. Bro. Orr and myself were sitting Masters in our respective lodges during 1949 and it was a great honor to me to be able to make this presentation to a faithful servant of the Craft.

On May 14th I presented a Fifty-Year Jewel to W. Bro. W. H. Dalton at a meeting of Neepawa Lodge No. 24. This good brother will always have the greatest sense of pride in his heart, because it was he who sponsored the application into Freemasonry, of our late M.W. Bro. Irwin. This should stand out to all Masons when sponsoring a friend into Freemasonry. If each sponsor would remember that he, too, might be sponsoring a future Grand Master, he would be doubly careful in his selections. Good material needs good workmanship to make superior Temples. This is the lesson of which our W. Bro. Dalton reminds us.

Together with all the Masons in this Jurisdiction, I offer hearty congratulations to the following brethren who received their jewels in the past year.

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May 9—R.W. Bro. H. A. Alley, Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100, presented by R.W. Bro. C. F. Shaw, at a meeting of Robbie Burns Lodge.

May 9—Bro. Jas. A. V. Hill, Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100, presented at Bro. Hill's home.

May 17—W. Bro. Bertram H. Emerson, Morden Lodge No. 13, presented by R.W. Bro. G. H. Bray at a meeting of Morden Lodge.

May 3—Bro. Edward H. Williams, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by R.W. Bro. A. V. Chapman at a meeting of Thunder Bay Lodge No. 618, Port Arthur, Ont.

June 16—W. Bro. Norman J. MacDonald, Norwood Lodge No. 119, presented by W. Bro. R. F. Groves at a meeting of Lion's Gate Lodge No. 115, Vancouver, B.C.

June 22—Bro. James H. Smith, Treherne Lodge No. 51, presented by R.W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman, D.D. G.M., at a meeting of Treherne Lodge.

June 28—Bro. Frank A. Nuttall, Crystal Lodge No. 71, presented by W. Bro. G. F. Rose in Saskatoon, Sask.

July 31—Bro. Charles J. Whillier, Brandon Lodge No. 19, presented by R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, S.G.W., at Bro. Whillier's home in Brandon.

Aug. 16—W. Bro. Alva B. Chapman, Reston Lodge No. 104, presented by R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, S.G.W., at the 50th Anniversary of Reston Lodge.

Sept. 24—Bro. Henry W. Braddell, Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100, mailed to his home in British Columbia.

Oct. 10—Bro. Wm. Thos. Beer, Brandon Lodge No. 19, presented by M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin at the Seventh Masonic District Meeting, Brandon.

Oct. 10—Bro. Wm. R. A. Cochrane, Brandon Lodge No. 19, presented by M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin at the Seventh Masonic District Meeting.

Oct. 10—W. Bro. David Soldan, Corinthian Lodge No. 15, presented by W. Bro. H. G. Simpson at a meeting of Corinthian Lodge, Rapid City.

Oct. 24—W. Bro. Robt. E. McCaw, Lansdowne Lodge No. 107, presented by R.W. Bro. P. Hammonds D.D.G.M., on his Official visit to Lansdowne Lodge.

Nov. 2—Bro. Harold H. Gillson, Vermillion Lodge No. 68, presented by M.W. Bro. J. H. N. Morgan, Grand Secretary, in his Office, Vancouver, B.C.

Nov. 14—Bro. John E. Clark, Hiram Lodge No. 94, presented by M.W. Bro. J. H. N. Morgan, Grand Secretary, at Bro. Clark's home in Vancouver.

Nov. 21—W. Bro. Freeman Green, Deloraine Lodge No. 40, presented by R.W. Bro. J. Hilton Turner, D.D.G.M., at a meeting of Deloraine Lodge.

Dec. 9—Bro. Robt. Macgregor, St. James Lodge No. 121, presented by his son, W. Bro. T. C. Macgregor, assisted by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, at a meeting of St. James Lodge.

Dec. 10—W. Bro. Thos. D. Sauder, Birtle Lodge No. 39, presented by R.W. Bro. T. E. Doran, D.D.G.M., at a meeting of Birtle Lodge.

Dec. 20—W. Bro. Samuel Houston, Hiram Lodge No. 94, presented by R.W. Bro. W. C. Caley, D.D.G.M., at a meeting of Hiram Lodge.

Dec. 27—M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins, P.G.M., Vermillion Lodge No. 68, presented by R.W. Bro. John Gardner at a meeting of Vermillion Lodge.

Dec. 28—Bro. John McMurchy, Reston Lodge No. 104, presented by R.W. Bro. J. Cuthill at a meeting of Reston Lodge.

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Jan. 3—Bro. Wm. H. Bunting, The Pas Lodge No. 124, presented by R.W. Bro. G. A. Williams at a meeting of The Pas Lodge.

Jan. 21—Bro. James J. Buchanan, Tweed Lodge No. 113, presented by M.W. Bro. D. P. G. Sanderson at a meeting of Camosun Lodge No. 60, B.C.

Jan. 22—W. Bro. Jas. W. Briscoe, Strathcona Lodge No. 117, presented by R.W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman, D.D.G.M., at a meeting of Strathcona Lodge.

Feb. 11—W. Bro. Joseph F. Orr, Windsor Lodge No. 138 presented by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, D.G.M., at a meeting of Windsor Lodge.

Mar. 12—Bro. Joseph McIntyre, Russell Lodge No. 62, presented by R.W. Bro. J. A. McKinnon at his home in Russell.

Mar. 15—R.W. Bro. Wm. R. McConnell, St. John's Lodge No. 4, presented by W. Bro. H. R. Whyte at a meeting of York Lodge No. 156, Toronto, Ont.

April 15—Bro. Cecil D. Burnham, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, presented by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, D.G.M., at a meeting of Ancient Landmark Lodge.

April 15—Bro. Fredk. T. Cadham, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, presented by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, D.G.M., at a meeting of Ancient Landmark Lodge.

April 15—Bro. Wm. K. Anderson, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, presented by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, D.G.M., at a meeting of Ancient Landmark Lodge.

April 17—Bro. Andrew Nicoll, King Edward Lodge No. 93, presented by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray, P.G.M., at a meeting of King Edward Lodge.

April 18—R.W. Bro. Benjamin W. Caldwell, Carberry Lodge No. 29, presented by W. Bro. J. T. Rogers at Bro. Caldwell's home.

May 6—V.W. Bro. Ernest T. Leech, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, P.G.M., at a meeting of Ionic Lodge.

May 6—W. Bro. David K. Mills, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, P.G.M., at a meeting of Ionic Lodge.

May 6—Bro. Matthew J. Carrothers, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, P.G.M., at a meeting of Ionic Lodge.

May 6—Bro. David Brockie, Ionic Lodge No. 25, presented by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe, P.G.M., at a meeting of Ionic Lodge.

May 7—The late W. Bro. W. J. Houston, Vermillion Lodge No. 68, presented by R.W. Bro. W. C. Caley, D.D.G.M., to V.W. Bro. D. J. Houston (son) at a meeting of Vermillion Lodge.

May 20—Bro. Wm. R. Milton, St. John's Lodge No. 4, presented by R.W. Bro. W. V. Durst in Oakland, California.

May 21—W. Bro. Jas. R. Oastler, Lisgar Lodge No. 2, presented by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, D.G.M., at a meeting of Lisgar Lodge.

June 6—R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143, presented by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, D.G.M., at the Grand Lodge Communication.

June 6—W. Bro. Theodore Greenaway, Crystal Lodge No. 71, presented by R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, D.G.M., at the Grand Lodge Communication.

VISITATIONS BY DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

On March 19th to 21st, accompanied by the following Past Grand Masters, I was happy to bring sincere greetings from the brethren of Manitoba to the members assembled, of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota: M.W. Bros. Wm. Douglas, F. H. Blythe, H. H. Gray, R. E. Emmett, J. R. C. Evans, and our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson. We were received most cordially. The guest speaker at the main banquet was our own M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans, who although arriving late, due to air travel difficulties, delivered an outstanding address, bringing credit to not only himself but to all in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

On March 1st, accompanied by M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, we visited Rice Lake Lodge No. 157 at Bissett. We were met at Pine Falls by R.W. Bro. George Lucas, Secretary of this Lodge, and driven over the new road to Bissett. It was a most enjoyable ride over virgin country and we found conditions in the area flourishing. The Officers are to

be highly commended for their proficiency, and the members on the whole, for their keen interest in their Lodge. A fine meeting was held and was attended by a good number of the brethren from Pine Falls Lodge No. 154.

AREA MEETINGS

Two Area Meetings were held again this year. The first one was held at Holland on April 30th, with Holland Lodge No. 63 as Host Lodge. The second was held at Virden on May 6th, with Lebanon Lodge No. 43 as Host Lodge. Your Deputy Grand Master is sincerely grateful to the Committee on Research and Education under the chairmanship of R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, to M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Librarian, M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, and R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker, Grand Director of Ceremonies, for all their efforts in making these meetings the finest ever held, I am sure. I would recommend that in the future, such educational type meetings be held. A full report of these meetings will be given by the Committee on Research and Education.

The following is a list of visitations made:

1956

Dec. 18—Funeral Service of our late M.W. Grand Master at Neepawa. Accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers who conducted the Masonic Funeral Service. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan were both present. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and the Grand Secretary also. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota was represented by M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans, their Grand Representative. A very large group of Masons from the entire Province were also present.

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Jan. 1—Norwood Lodge No. 119—At Home.

Jan. 6—Annual Masonic Curling Bonspiel, presentation of prizes.

Jan. 30—First Masonic District Meeting, Masonic Temple.

Jan. 31—Twelfth Masonic District Meeting, Masonic Temple.

Feb. 11—Windsor Lodge No. 138—presentation of Fifty-year Jewel.

Feb. 12-13—Representative of Grand Lodge at Opening of Grand Chapter, R.A.M.

Feb. 14-15—All-Canada Conference, Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg.

Mar. 1—Rice Lake Lodge No. 157, Bissett, Official Visit.

Mar. 19-21—Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Mar. 26—Tuscan Lodge No. 141, Ladies' Night.

April 4—Friendship Lodge No. 165, Fifth Anniversary.

April 7—First Masonic District Divine Service, St. Andrew's United Church.

April 9—Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16, Saskatoon, Sask., Special Football Night, when I assisted in the Raising of three former Junior players.

April 13—Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Ladies' Night.

April 15—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, presentation of Fifty-year Jewels.

April 30—Area Meeting, Holland.

May 6—Area Meeting, Virden.

May 7—Corinthian Lodge No. 15, Rapid City, Official opening of new Hall.

May 11—Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156, Moosehorn, Official opening of new Hall.

May 14—Neepawa Lodge No. 24, Unveiling likeness of our late Grand Master and presentation of a Fifty-year Jewel.

May 15—Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143, Ladies' Night.

May 19—Grand Lodge Divine Service, Knox United Church, Portage la Prairie.

May 21—Lisgar Lodge No. 2, presentation of Fifty-year Jewel.

May 24—Institution of Lynn Lake Lodge U.D. at Lynn Lake.

May 28—Penza Lodge No. 120, Official opening of new Hall by R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions, S.G.W.

May 29—Institution of Gateway Lodge U.D., Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.

June 1—Beaver Lodge No. 139, American Lodge visit.

DIVINE SERVICES

The Grand Lodge Annual Church Service was held at Portage la Prairie in Knox United Church, where the brethren paraded from the Masonic Temple. The Sermon was given by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe and I read the Lesson. The attendance—150—while not large, was considered good, keeping in mind that the Service was held on a holiday week-end.

It should be noted with pleasure that many lodges and Masonic Districts are continuing the practice of holding Church Services. This is a noteworthy effort and it is to be hoped they will continue. I also attended the First Masonic District Church Service, April 7th, at St. Andrew's River Heights Church.

CONFERENCES

BANFF: September 5-6-7, 1956. These Conferences are serving a great need in Western Canada. All four Western Provinces are represented, with many outstanding Masons from the United States. The topics chosen and the discussions that follow are of great help to the leaders who attend. I am happy to state that our M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett was President of the Conference, and made an outstanding contribution. M.W. Bro. Emmett will give a full report on the Conference, but knowing he is of a bashful nature and would not of course tell you himself, how great he was, I am taking the liberty of telling you all that he did a magnificent job and was a great credit to this Jurisdiction.

It is to be hoped that greater use will be made of the Banff Proceedings that are published and distributed to each lodge in the Jurisdiction. If each lodge would use these papers during the year, the cause of Freemasonry would be enhanced considerably.

ALL-CANADA CONFERENCE

WINNIPEG: February 14-15-16, 1957. It has been six years since this Conference was held in Winnipeg, and it was a most successful meeting, bringing together the leaders of the Craft from all over Canada. Almost all the Provinces were represented; the papers were good, as were the discussions—hearing the viewpoint of distinguished brethren from other Jurisdictions broadens our outlook and improves our

minds. Whether we agree or disagree doesn't matter so long as we can get together and discuss our Craft. Great benefit to all is the result of such discussions. The Conference was under the Chairmanship of M.W. Bro. K. L. Crowell, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and your Deputy Grand Master acted as host to the visitors at a Banquet at which R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe, our Grand Chaplain, delivered a splendid address.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It was my pleasure to fill several vacancies this year, and have recommended the following worthy brethren to the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges concerned:

Alabama	R.W. Bro. A. C. Orchard (90)
Argentina	R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff (130)
Colorado	R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald (4)
Guatemala	R.W. Bro. H. S. Perdue (113)
Illinois	V.W. Bro. W. K. Mulock (1)
Oklahoma	R.W. Bro. Jas. Mathewson (24) (Appointed by our late M.W. Grand Master)
Montana	R.W. Bro. P. Hammonds (113)
Philippines	W. Bro. G. Paulson (164)
Iceland	W. Bro. J. K. Laxdal (2) (First Official Rep.)
South Australia	W. Bro. S. H. Allen (141)
Wisconsin	R.W. Bro. G. J. Long (6)

I trust these new Grand Representatives, with those already appointed, will keep in contact with the Grand Lodges they represent, bringing our respective Grand Lodges closer together.

INSTITUTIONS

LYNN LAKE LODGE U.D.

On May 24th the Grand Secretary, Grand Director of Ceremonies and I flew to Lynn Lake, where we were joined by Officers and Members of The Pas and Flin Flon Lodges, some of whom assisted in the Institution Ceremony. We were met at the Airport by a large gathering, and from that moment until the plane left the following afternoon, we were

constantly shown every courtesy. Everything a person could do was done for our comfort. The genuine friendship shown by the Lynn Lake brethren will never be forgotten. A banquet was held prior to the meeting. The meeting itself was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. It was carried out with all the solemnity required and will, I know, be a bright spot in the memory of those attending. W. Bro. Chas. E. McKnight is the first Master, Bro. John F. Scrase the first Senior Warden, and Bro. John R. Laird the first Junior Warden. The only sad note of the entire meeting was that Bro. C. R. Neely, who had done so much to not only get Lynn Lake Lodge started, but to get the settlement started as well, was absent due to illness. His many friends wish him a speedy and complete recovery so he may be able to take part in the activities of this new lodge, a pleasure to which we know he is looking forward.

GATEWAY LODGE U.D.

On May 29th the majority of the Grand Lodge Officers were present to assist in the Institution of Gateway Lodge, held in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg. A very large gathering was in attendance. Many lodges were represented; five District Deputy Grand Masters, together with many Past Grand Masters, were present. The Institution Ceremony was, I think, impressively conducted and the closing of the lodge by the regular Officers was done expertly. A fine programme and dinner were arranged by the Lodge after the meeting. I am of the opinion that Gateway Lodge will be a shining light in this Grand Jurisdiction—a worthy daughter to Fort Garry Lodge No. 130. The first Master is W. Bro. A. C. Fitch, the first Senior Warden, Bro. T. S. Garvie, and the first Junior Warden, Bro. G. A. W. Ostrander.

The formation of new lodges in this Jurisdiction should be encouraged still further. The brethren of The Pas Lodge No. 124 should be complimented on their sponsorship of Lynn Lake Lodge, and the brethren of Fort Garry Lodge No. 130 should also receive congratulations for their efforts on behalf of Gateway Lodge. It is to be hoped that more new lodges will be formed, in areas where lodges are needed, and in some cases where the present lodges are too large. Nothing would be better for the Craft in general and the brethren concerned. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba I offer sincere congratulations to the members of Lynn Lake and Gateway Lodges.

SPECIAL EVENT

On August 29th, 1956, our late Grand Master laid the cornerstone of the Portage Collegiate, Portage la Prairie, an occasion that brought a great deal of satisfaction not only to our Grand Master, but to all Masons in the Jurisdiction. It has been several years since we, as Freemasons, have performed this ceremony. We recommend that this practice be encouraged wherever practicable. M.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole gave the main Address. After the Masonic service, the Collegiate was officially opened by Provincial and Civic Officials.

APPRECIATION AND CONCLUSION

Little did we know when we started the Masonic term last year what was in store for us. So far as I was concerned personally this was to be a year of reflection and observation, to round out the education I had up to that point; I was going to read, study, plan and generally get my bearings. All in preparation for the day, God willing, and if it was the desire of the brethren of Manitoba, I would be elected as their head.

Any ideas of an "easy" year were dispelled on December 15th last with the passing of our beloved Grand Master. I know no one will doubt me when I say the loss of M.W. Bro. Irwin was a great blow to the Grand Lodge as a whole, but to me personally it was more—it changed the entire course of my thinking. Instead of thinking in the future, the future had caught up with me and was now the present. Believe me, it was by no means an easy task. However, brethren, I wonder if you know and appreciate the type of men we have in this Jurisdiction—men who have served you as Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers, men who are dedicated to Freemasonry and especially to Freemasonry in Manitoba—men who give so much of their valuable time to the affairs of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. These are the men to whom I owe so much—without their help my task would have been almost impossible. Events moved with such rapidity, there was hardly time to get acquainted with the responsibilities. These dedicated Masons helped me navigate this bumpy road. I will admit, too, that at this time I feel almost like a veteran and trust I will be able to handle most problems. This is the feeling these men have given me.

To them I owe my heartfelt thanks for their help. It would be impossible to thank each one personally, for it

would be an honest statement if I said that every one I came into contact with was so kind and helpful, all were willing to do their part, so that the affairs of Grand Lodge would continue to run smoothly. But I feel I must publicly acknowledge a few of these brethren—M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, our Grand Librarian for his wisdom and patience; M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas for his experience learned over so many years of faithful service, and so willing to share his experience with me; M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe and M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray for their personal endeavors in my behalf; R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat for his kind thoughts and actions; R.W. Bro. Stuart Parker for his willingness at all times to assist me. My thanks, too, to our Grand Wardens for their willing co-operation and to the Board of General Purposes, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Appointed Officers and members of my own Lodge, Tuscan No. 141, for their consistent co-operation. To these and to all the rest of the brethren, my thanks to each and every one of you for your loyalty and willingness to help.

I have purposely left one person to the last so he may be thanked by himself. I refer to our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson. From the time of our Grand Master's illness to the present, M.W. Brother Tom has been a tower of strength to me. The thing I am most thankful for is the way in which this co-operation was given. Some might have taken advantage of the situation and been a little difficult to deal with, but not our Grand Secretary. On every occasion my good friend never overstepped his bounds—the way he offered his co-operation was in the true Masonic Spirit, and I want everyone to know how fortunate we are that we here in Manitoba have a person such as Tom Jackson as our Grand Secretary. Thank you, Tom, for being of such tremendous help.

My thanks, too, to Miss Margaret Anderson for all her assistance in making my task easier, and to W. Bro. G. McKenzie, Executive Secretary, for his assistance.

Brethren, I am not going to give you a message, as is usual at this time. I feel this would not be appropriate. However, I would like to leave a thought with you, which perhaps might help us on our Masonic way. You have witnessed at first hand in the past six months what co-operation can do. Even though we suffered a great loss, and under many difficulties, everyone, working together as a team, brought the term to, I think, a successful conclusion. This then is a lesson for all to observe and imitate. Co-

operation in all lodges, from the Master down to the new candidates, is essential. When a Master feels he has the full support of his brethren, he can accomplish a great deal more for his lodge. Teamwork is the key to all success. Then if we extended that thought into the Districts so the District Deputy Grand Master could depend on the same co-operation, we could expect the lodges of our Districts to work together more effectively. If co-operation and teamwork is the key, let us endeavor by applying the principles still further, in opening more doors which will lead to a better understanding of our beloved Craft.

Finally, my brethren, I would like to thank you for having elected me your Deputy Grand Master, an honor I proudly acknowledge with a deep sense of gratitude. You may have wondered if you made a mistake placing so much responsibility in the hands of one who is some years junior in age than is usually the custom. I feel the responsibility more, due to this fact, for I know I will have to prove there is a place for the younger man in Grand Lodge, working together with the others, all for the betterment of the Craft. I have tried, using all I have learned in the past, and with the help of my brethren, to keep the high standards set by all our Past Grand Masters. I have tried to keep in your minds that M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, though not with us in person, was still your Grand Master, a thought I know you will always acknowledge with pride. I was told when I first assumed responsibility, that I also acquired much power—this being the case, I have tried to use this power prudently and wisely. My brethren, I trust you will think so too.

DAVID ROTHSTEIN,
Deputy Grand Master.

This report was received with much applause. It was moved by M.W. Bro. Douglas (4), seconded by W.Bro. C. Ross (111) that the report of the Deputy Grand Master be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was then adjourned at 10.30 p.m. to reconvene at 10.30 o'clock the following morning.

Second Day

THURSDAY, JUNE 6th, 1957

Morning Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10.30 a.m., by the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother David Rothstein.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE WAR EFFORT FUND

The Committee appointed by the Deputy Grand Master to review the history of the War Effort Fund met at 12.15 p.m. on May 30th last and after reviewing the Proceedings and activities of this fund back to 1942 recommended that the following Resolution be submitted to Grand Lodge.

WHEREAS it appears that the purpose for which the War Effort Fund was established has come to an end, and

WHEREAS an essential feature of the Fund was to relieve Masonic needs in Jurisdictions outside Manitoba,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fund be closed, and the amount of $908.06 be transferred to the Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund.

HARRY H. GRAY,
Chairman.

The following Resolution regarding the War Effort Fund was presented to Grand Lodge by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139) who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4), and Carried.

"It is moved that, as the purpose for which the War Effort Fund was established has come to an end, that this Fund be closed out and the amount of $908.06, being the balance on hand, be transferred to the Masonic Brotherhood Disaster Fund."

JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals, begs to report in the term now expiring this Committee was not called upon to perform any work to speak of.

As a matter of fact I as chairman had no occasion during the term to call my Committee together.

However, the Grand Secretary knowing that I would be out of the city until the end of April called a meeting of my Committee on April 13th to pass on proposed amendments to the Constitution.

My thanks to the Grand Secretary and to the members of the Committee for attending this meeting at the Grand Secretary's office which lasted from 10.30 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

S. HART GREEN,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), and Carried.

FRATERNAL REVIEWS

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Reviews makes its annual report. No new problems are disturbing the English speaking Masonic world. Many Lodges are concerned with the problem of attendance. Most Grand Lodges are attacking this problem by a greater emphasis on Masonic education through Area meetings, speaker bureaus or similar approach.

The problems of the aged, particularly as reflected in Masonic Homes are increasing. The Grand Lodges that maintain homes for the aged are finding that their costs are rising due to the fact that these people are living so much longer; many of them require lengthy hospital care and some provision must be made for those who are senile.

Many Grand Lodges continue their interest in liability coverage for subordinate lodges.

In spite of the foregoing problems the overall picture is excellent. We apologize to those Grand Lodges who, for one reason or another do not find themselves mentioned in this report as we try to select those things which are of interest from a Manitoba standpoint and the problems of Grand Lodges are sometimes of local interest.

Fraternally submitted

H. M. KERR,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald (4), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1), and Carried.

CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry first wishes to make reference to the splendid way in which our Craft was benefited by the enthusiastic, untiring and deeply sincere efforts of our most respected Grand Master, J. Ferguson Irwin. He commenced his official labors with a zeal that seemed unbounded. He carried out his formal visitations to all the Districts early in his term of office and brought inspiration and encouragement to all. He exemplified to all of us that noble Masonic characteristic, Brotherly Love. It was with incredulity that we later saw his physical being broken and wasting away. We were deeply saddened at his untimely passing and the loss of so good and so great a man.

Yet, Freemasonry, though favored by the great works, high ideals and magnanimous endeavors of its many members, is not dependent upon us as individuals. Freemasonry itself must ever progress and move forward.

Your Committee at this time, wishes to pay high tribute to the Deputy Grand Master, who exemplified to the brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction his sterling worth by immediately assuming the reins of office and upholding the Condition of Freemasonry at its high level.

Your Committee now begs to submit some factual information on the work, the progress and the problems of the many constituent lodges throughout the eleven Districts of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Your Committee relies almost entirely for its information on the reports submitted on each lodge by the District Deputy Grand Masters. All but one District enclosed reports by the lodge secretaries. These reports disclose the intimate activities within the lodges and are invaluable for further summaries.

The meeting held with the newly-installed District Deputy Grand Masters immediately following the last Grand Lodge Session provided much helpful information to start them off on their duties. A meeting was held in September to see what advance had been made by the representatives of the Grand Master. Most of them reported that organizational meetings had been held with Masters and Secretaries, and even a few official visits had been made.

Your Committee met again in November to discuss chiefly, "the advisability of permitting joint installations of Lodge Officers." This is a custom, contrary to the Constitution, which has evolved in a few lodges by way of special dispensations. This practice has been permitted for a number of years, and only has merit in the fine fellowship surrounding these occasions. It is felt that this is such an important moment for each new Master and his Officers that installation should take place, as a family affair, within the confines of their own lodge. It was felt that this practice

could not be peremptorily cut off, as no doubt several lodges had already concluded their arrangements for this year. The Board of General Purposes approved of this opinion and urged that some instruction be given to the lodges concerned. As a result, a letter was sent from the Grand Secretary's office, on behalf of this Committee, drawing attention to this unconstitutional practice and urging its discontinuance. The record shows that seven of the 17 lodges planned individual installations last December. It is definitely recommended that during this coming year, sufficient stress should be laid by the District Deputy Grand Masters in the Districts concerned to end this practice which is contrary to the Constitution.

We note that at the time of the election of each new District Deputy Grand Master, the incumbent officer invites the D.D.G.M.-elect to accompany him on all possible occasions in order to familiarize himself with the duties of this high office. This is excellent procedure and we trust that it will be continued.

All the District meetings were well organized and the attendance was reasonably good. This is a condition that could be improved upon, however, and all the principal officers should fulfil their duty by being on hand to discuss the problems of the District and render mutual assistance.

The office of Master of a lodge is a proud one, and should be a well-earned and coveted preferment. It entails certain specific duties. A good Master will give to the lodge the service that it deserves, both inside and outside. The Master and Wardens must, if at all possible, attend their District Meetings and the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. These are duties they take upon themselves when they accept office; unfortunately some do not fulfil them. The following statistics have reference to the 81st Communication in 1956. 13 lodges had none of the principal officers present. 25 lodges indicated the absence of the Worshipful Master; 54 of the Senior Warden and 64 of the Junior Warden. We are all aware of the dates of the Annual Communication and should be able to plan our affairs in advance to permit of our attendance. 22 principal officers from city lodges did not register, and distance could not be their alibi. Your Committee recommends that further stress of this duty be made by the District Deputy Grand Masters on every possible occasion.

We are pleased to note the progress of Freemasonry in our province by the granting of a Dispensation to two new lodges. These lodges have indicated a real spirit of interest and vigor, and the promulgating of the tenets of our Order in their communities. We understand a third lodge is about to submit a petition for Dispensation. This indicates a healthy condition in our Grand Jurisdiction.

One regret should be noted at this time, in the request to surrender its Charter by Sprague Lodge No. 132. This lodge was active and healthy since its Consecration thirty-five years ago, until the last two years. By virtue of a changing economic condition in that area, the membership has dropped until it was impossible to hold five meetings during the past year through lack of a quorum. Much commendation should be extended to the present District Deputy Grand Master for his strenuous endeavors to assist this lodge in many ways, in the hope of keeping it active.

Your Committee would like to commend at this time the final carrying out of a recommendation providing a binder for each Lodge Secretary. All Grand Lodge Directives are contained therein. Material on Research and Education is provided as is also the Administrative Bulletins. The material in this binder is invaluable to the Secretary and the Master of the constituent lodges. A long list of excellent ideas, used by the various

lodges, is made available as suggestions to improve the interest in lodge activities. Your Committee hopes many of these suggestions will be adopted, particularly by the lodges which need a "shot in the arm."

More lodges should introduce Study Clubs to provide interest, information and inspiration among the members. When there is a dearth of candidates, a study club would fill the noticeable vacuum. The quiz questions on the three degrees prepared by the Committee on Research and Education are being extensively used with good effect. The Grand Librarian is to be highly commended for his generosity in providing books and suggestions to individuals and clubs. The book kits have been in constant demand this year. The excellent reports from the Banff Conferences are available to every lodge and we recommend that they should be used more extensively.

Charity is emphasized within the Craft. It is interesting to note that many lodges across the Jurisdiction express this characteristic in many specific ways. In the encouragement of selected individuals with scholarships and business courses. In the maintenance of wards in hospitals and of children's playgrounds. In the assistance to families of brethren suddenly disabled or overcome by disaster. These acts are no doubt multiplied tenfold, by individual brethren in quiet, unobtrusive fashion when need arises.

It is gratifying to see the pride of the members exemplified in the beauty, comfort and usefulness of Lodge Temples. Much renovating, improving and building has been undertaken by many lodges through voluntary efforts of the members. One lodge was permitted the use of a Temple in a neighboring town while its own building was under construction. This indicated true Brotherly consideration.

Inter-lodge visitation is enjoyed by most lodges. This is excellent and keeps alive the spirit of friendship. A few lodges leave visitation to the individual members. Your Committee does not condone this practice as it reflects on the leadership of the Master. Visiting is a wonderful experience and should not be confined to a few, or the same car-load each time. New members especially should be urged, and indeed expected to share in this fraternity. The opportunity of international visitation is apparently grasped by most of the lodges operating along the border. This interchange of goodwill is part of our world-wide fraternity and is to be commended.

Divine Services have been held at all levels of Masonic activity within the Grand Jurisdiction. While most country lodges have planned their own individual church parades, many Winnipeg lodges do not follow this practice. Though not compulsory, such observance is strongly recommended by your Committee.

Sociability provides a strong tie among the membership. Special Nights, At Homes, Father and Son Banquets, Curling, Bowling, Past Masters' Nights, Thirty Year Pin Nights, Pumpkin Pie Nights . . . all create interest in the lodge and should help to maintain a good attendance. We urge that Masters plan their work well in advance in order to keep the membership well-informed and ready to share in the activities of the lodge.

Ritual and Degree Work is mostly being maintained at a high level. Some officers do not speak out clearly and are very careless. Rehearsals are invaluable and should be planned prior to each meeting. Some lodges depend too much on two or three Past Masters to carry the load. This work should be shared by all and the younger members should also be given an opportunity of doing parts of the Ritual not specially designated to the Master. By this means the latent talents of the younger brethren could be developed.

The four lodges under the special supervision of the Grand Master exemplify a fine spirit of harmony. Only one of the four is an old lodge in point of years. Their geographical location precludes visitations or inter-lodge activities. They have maintained efficiency by their enthusiasm, high attendance rate, use of their libraries, study clubs and discussion groups. One lodge suffers in officer material by constant transfers in the line of duty. On the whole they are to be commended for their high level of interest in the cause of Freemasonry.

Your Committee would like to thank the District Deputy Grand Masters for their co-operation and assistance. They have performed their duties conscientiously and well.

Our special thanks go to the Grand Secretary and the members of his staff for their excellent co-operation and efficient work.

We recommend that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the following brethren:

R.W. Bro. E. J. Heaney (165)	1st Masonic District
R.W. Bro. G. R. Hay (75)	2nd Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman (51)	3rd Masonic District
R.W. Bro. H. Ready (36)	4th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. T. E. Doran (39)	5th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. J. H. Turner (27)	6th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. P. Hammonds (113)	7th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. C. C. Thomson (6)	8th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. C. Caley (68)	9th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. R. Munroe (148)	10th Masonic District
R.W. Bro. P. T. Houston (138)	12th Masonic District

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

WESLEY D. G. RUNIONS,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), and Carried.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER—SPRAGUE LODGE No. 132

The following motion was presented by R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor (11), and Carried:

"In view of the inability of Sprague Lodge No. 132, Sprague, to carry out the functions and activities of a constituent lodge;

"And agreeable to a resolution passed by the lodge, requesting that their Charter be surrendered; and with the full approval of the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge;

"Be it resolved, that this Grand Lodge in Annual Communication assembled, assent, as it does now assent to the surrender of the Charter of Sprague Lodge No. 132 on the Grand Register of Manitoba.

"That the name of Sprague Lodge No. 132 be deleted from the Roster of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary in co-operation with R.W. Bro. C. C. Thomson, at present District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, be authorized by this Grand Lodge to complete the liquidation of the said Sprague Lodge No. 132 at Sprague, in accordance with the provision of Section 196 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and Section 19 of Chapter 123 of the Statutes of Manitoba 1924, and any other laws and regulations pertaining thereto."

ADDRESS OF GRAND HISTORIAN

The Deputy Grand Master called on the Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who gave the following address:

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Man., A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I feel we have an obligation to the hardy pioneers who blazed the trail and laid the foundation of the Masonic Edifice we find in this Jurisdiction today—we have in a very minor fashion, taken note of their names, but who they were and what contribution they made to the Community life is a tale untold.

Recently I have been assembling what material I could reach, regarding these old timers and, in my opinion, it deserves a place in our records. It occurred to me, therefore, that I could make a start this year—so here is the contribution I have to offer:

Late in the year 1859 there arrived at Red River Settlement a young Englishman, born in London and educated in Dublin, Ireland. His name, William Coldwell. He had arrived in Canada in 1854, locating in Toronto where he was employed as a reporter on the staff of "The Leader." His object in coming to Red River was to start the first newspaper in the West. We are interested in William Coldwell because, at a later date, he was the first secretary of the pioneer Lodge—Northern Light Lodge—the forerunner

of all the Masonic development which has taken place in the interval.

It will be recalled that he, in company with three or four other residents, journeyed to Pembina, Dakotah Territory, in March 1864, where they were initiated, passed and raised, in the Military Lodge then meeting at Fort Pembina. They were accompanied by Brothers John C. Schultz and Charles Curtis who were members of the Craft.

Later in the same year, November 8th, 1864, under dispensation issued by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Northern Light Lodge, Red River Settlement, was instituted and Brother William Coldwell elected as Secretary.

Some time ago I came across an Address which had been prepared by Brother Coldwell in 1888, and because it tells the personal story of our first Lodge Secretary, and also because it revives a very important chapter in the history of our Province, I have chosen to make this our contribution for 1957. In other words, what you will hear is what Brother Coldwell prepared, and it is intensely interesting. Here then is what he said:

"November 1st, 1859, the first newspaper outfit for North West British America arrived on the Assiniboine at the crossing opposite Upper Fort Garry—The Nor-Wester, with W. Buckingham and W. Coldwell as its proprietors. Up to that date no newspaper was printed anywhere throughout the vast region stretching from the north shore of Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains, and from the U.S. boundary line as far north as any one of our craft would care to stretch. In one little corner of the territory, the Red River Settlement, there were 10,000 people; and here we resolved (in Salvation Army phrase) to open fire.

"The paper, and much of the plant, had been purchased in St. Paul, in order to save freight between Toronto (our starting point) and the Capital of Minnesota; and on the 28th September we made a start from the latter city, with ox-teams—a very wilderness start, indeed, as one team ran away at the outset and distributed some of the type in the street. But by the time we reached our journey's end, there were no more attempts at running away.

"I shall not stop to note our snail-like progress by the Crow Wing Trail, how we struggled the swamps, worried around and across fallen trees and stumps, toiled up and

raced down the sides of the Leaf Mountains, forded rivers with steep banks and boulder-strewn beds, or puzzled out our way via crooked sandbars, over which we went, zig-zagging with occasional dips into the depths alongside. Red Lake River, the widest, deepest, crookedest and swiftest in current, took some of us up to our necks and very nearly took me out of this vale of tears altogether.

"One of our respected fellow-citizens, Capt. Donaldson, a famous traveller in those early days, witnessed the crossing of the caravan at that point; and he has a story which he tells with infinite relish, as to one of the forders, who was invisible all but a head and a stove-pipe hat. The Captain, not expecting to see such a hat there and then, and completely taken aback by the vision, laughed his heartiest, as he does to this day, when he recalls the scene.

"On an average we did not exceed between 15 and 20 miles a day in our march through the wilderness to this promised land. Slow going, sleepy travel it was compared with the rapid transit now the order of the day. This fast age has already left the old landmarks far behind. The journey from St. Paul to this point, which when we first came, has for several years back been performed daily in less than 24 hours. On our way here 29 years ago, we found the Northwestern Railway limits to be at La Crosse, on the Mississippi. Beyond that town the traveller in this direction had a choice of staging or steam boating. Staging could be obtained to Fort Abercrombie in Minnesota. Steamboating virtually ended at St. Paul, although some little business was done by steamboat men beyond that city.

"The year 1859 witnessed a great change. The lucrative trade between the Red River Settlement and St. Paul had long been carried out, which made the residents of the apostolic city desirous of still further extending trade relations with this region. These desires took place the previous year when there was much discussion on the point. Hon. J. W. Taylor (the esteemed U.S. Consul here), then a citizen of St. Paul, had taken a deep interest, and had been frequently their able and eloquent exponent. He warmly advocated the scheme resolved on, that of opening up steam communication with Fort Garry by placing a steamboat on the Red River, which it was hoped would prove navigable from Fort Abercrombie, or thereabouts, to Fort Garry. Next year the 'Anson Northup' dissipated all doubts as to the navigability of the river by steaming to Fort Garry. The experiment was a grand success.

"The first of the steamboats and the first of the newspapers came along here the same year, the steamboat man being ahead—and they continue somewhat ahead of us, I observe, for they have moved northward, and were last year, if I do not mistake, plying on the far-off waters of the Athabasca and the MacKenzie.

"We commenced publication on the 28th December, and the outset were greater monopolists than we had any wish to be. Having everything connected with the business to do, and no one to help us to do it, we had to become our own editors, reporters, compositors, pressmen, newsboys and general agents, besides having to undertake a house-to-house canvass throughout the entire Settlement. Does any one suppose that we had not enough to do?

"We secured a liberal subscription for our fortnightly, payment in advance. Of course the inevitable crank had to be encountered, even in this remote part of the world, and accordingly in our canvass we met persons who assured us that they did not want 'The Nor-Wester' because they knew more local news than we did; while as to the foreign news, they could learn as much as they desired from other papers they got hold of at long intervals. They were also afraid that if they supported one journal in their midst, soon there would be two, four, or a score knocking at the door, with a wide diversity of views, to the great bewilderment and detriment of an innocent and confiding public! Each of these cranks left us minus twelve shillings sterling, and yet we were incorrigible.

"The business thus commenced continued until the winter of 1864, when the office and its contents were burned. Up to that date I had as partners, for various periods, Mr. W. Buckingham, Mr. James Ross, and Doctor (now Senator) Schultz.

"The last named resolved to resuscitate the paper and I determined to return to Toronto, but before doing so I helped to get out the new issue. The Bishop of Rupert's Land allowed us to use one of the old buildings belonging to St. John's College as a printing office.

"We got together a little type and paper which had been brought out for missions purposes; and from Mr. Alonzo Barnard (a Minnesotan versed in printing, preaching and photography) we secured a hand press of the most ancient, ponderous and amazing build, possessing, withal, warped

and resisting qualities—perhaps we ought to say eccentricities—which ensured to the unfortunate pressman the hardest 'pull' and the worst impression ever given by a hand-press in this or any other land.

"Under these auspices, and with the assistance given by Mr. W. R. Ross and Mr. A. Sutherland (both of whom learned the printing business here), 'The Nor-Wester' was revived, in reduced size, for a season. I left it in the hands of Dr. Schultz, from whom it passed to Dr. W. Bown.

"Five years subsequently, returning with material for a new venture, I fell into the rebellion. Lieut.-Governor McDougall was fenced out at Scratching River. The journal that might-have-been, 'The Pioneer,' was fenced out too by an order from Riel forbidding its appearance 'until peace was restored.' 'The Pioneer' never appeared except as a sort of half-breed arrangement—two pages of which ('The Pioneer') favored the McDougall regime, while the remaining two pages ('The New Nation') advocated rebellion, annexation and the Riel regime.

"Now, stop a little. You must not run away with the notion that I was essaying an act of equestrianism, and riding two horses, not a bit of it. The position was this: An early disallowance act barred my way. I was not allowed to print anything.

"Instead of compositors, half-breed guards held possession of the office. Fiddles, pipes and pemmican were interspersed with pistols, guns and ammunition, and this mixture, further complicated with a newspaper outfit in a very limited space, formed a combination sufficient to drive any printer to the verge of insanity. The press was a fiddle rack, the cases dotted all over with pipes and tobacco.

I made haste to get rid of that establishment and joyfully found a purchaser in Major H. M. Robinson. He published 'The New Nation,' and in the first number the two pages of 'The Pioneer,' already in type, were used. Hence the mixture.

The career of 'The New Nation' ended soon after Sir Garnet Wolseley marched in and Riel marched out. Mr. Thos. Spence edited 'The New Nation' in its declining years, when the fires of rebellion and annexation burned out.

" 'The Manitoban,' a weekly journal, published by Messrs. Coldwell and Cunningham, next took up the running in 1870, and held on its course until 1872 when it was

wrecked by a mob who (intending to be quite impartial, perhaps) wrecked the offices of 'The Nor-Wester' (owned by Dr. Bown) and 'Le Metis' (Mr. Royal's paper). 'The Manitoban' and 'Metis' came to life again, the former running till 1874, when it was incorporated with 'The Standard,' with Mr. Molyneux St. John as chief.

" 'The News-Letter,' an excellent paper, with Mr. P. G. Laurie, now of Battleford, as proprietor, was also published from 1870 for, I do not remember what period.

"In this sketch I did not intend going further than 1870, which would bring me to the verge of the new era, when we became a Province and had volunteer and a Fenian raid of our own, and home guards; when the old Governor and Council of Assiniboia finally disappeared from the scene; when the new Lieutenant-Governor—our trusty and well-beloved, The Hon. Adams George Archibald—and a legislature with two chambers appeared; when we first indulged in the luxury of a public debt; when decimal currency replaced 'Hudson Bay blanks' (as the Company's notes were termed); when lawyers and doctors, in flocks, flew to our rescue—with the usual results—and when 'emigration waves' began to flow and ebb.

"At all this I only took a peep. After me came the deluge—of newspapers—and all things became new."

My brothers, I am sure this backward glance into the happenings of the early days in Manitoba will be of intense interest to you. Looking ahead I am convinced that as the brethren of the future consider the records we leave to posterity, this important chapter in our community history will find the place it deserves. Remember, the author was Brother William Coldwell, the first brother to be elected as Secretary to the first Lodge organized in this Western country. We honor him for the message he left us.

In the early days of the 1900's, because of failing health, Brother Coldwell retired to Victoria, British Columbia. He lingered for a few years and passed away at Oak Bay, February 18th, 1907.

The address was received with applause and the Deputy Grand Master thanked M.W. Bro. Douglas for his interesting message.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

SECTION 4

It was moved by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121) . . . that Section 4 be amended by deleting the words "of the members present and voting" where they appear in the last sentence of the first paragraph of the Section, and substituting therefor the words "vote of the members then present in person." The sentence would then read as follows:

"Section 4: In either case, a two-thirds majority vote of the members then present in person shall be necessary."

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

SECTION 20

It was moved by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121) . . . that Section 20 be amended by deleting the words "present thereon" where they appear in the first line thereof, and the word "present" where it appears in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor, in each case, the words "then present in person." The Section would then read as follows:

"Section 20: A majority vote of the members then present in person shall be required to pass a motion or resolution at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. A two-thirds vote of the members then present in person shall be necessary to overrule a decision of the Grand Master or presiding Officer."

"The Grand Deacons and Grand Stewards shall count the votes, unless in the opinion of the Presiding Officer counting is unnecessary. In the case of a tie vote the motion or resolution shall be declared lost. At the request of five members present, a ballot instead of an open vote shall be taken."

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

SECTION 237

It was moved by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), that Section 237 be amended by deleting the word "voting" where it appears in the last sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "then present in person." The sentence would then read as follows:

"Section 237: A two-thirds vote of the members then present in person shall be necessary to change any provision of this Constitution."

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

SECTION 2 (n)

It was moved by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb (25) . . . that Section 2, Subsection (n) be amended by deleting the words "St. James" where they appear after the words "West Kildonan" and by adding the words "the City of St. James" immediately following the words "the City of St. Boniface." The Section would then read as follows:

"Section 2, ss (n): Greater Winnipeg is the aggregate territory contained within the limits of the following corporations in the Province of Manitoba, namely: the City of Winnipeg, the City of St. Boniface, the City of St. James, the Town of Tuxedo, and the Municipal Corporations of Assiniboia, Brooklands, Charleswood, Fort Garry, Old Kildonan, East Kildonan, North Kildonan, West Kildonan and St. Vital."

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

SECTION 12

R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4) presented the following Notice of Motion "That Section 12 be amended by deleting the word 'Wednesday' where it appears in the second line in the first paragraph thereof, and substituting therefor the word 'Monday'." The first paragraph would then read as follows:

"The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held at Winnipeg on the First Monday in June, at an hour to be fixed by the Board, or at such other place in the Province as shall have been determined by Grand Lodge at its last preceding Annual Communication."

In presenting this Motion, R.W. Bro. Parker moved, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff (130), the following amendment: "That the word 'commencing' be added after the word 'Winnipeg' in the second line thereof, and this Section would then read:

"The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held at Winnipeg, commencing on the First Monday in June at an hour to be fixed by the Board, or at such other place in the Province as shall have been determined by Grand Lodge at its last preceding Annual Communication."

R.W. Bro. Parker stated that adoption of this motion as amended would affect Section 27 of our Constitution dealing with the date for the filing of Nominations. He therefore moved, seconded by R.W. Bro. Duff, the following Amendment: "That Section 27 be amended by deleting the word 'Thursday' where it appears in the fourth line thereof, and substituting therefor the word 'Monday'."

The first sentence of Section 27 would then read as follows:
"Nominations for the Offices set out in Section 25 hereof and for the Board must be in writing signed by a member of Grand Lodge, and must be filed with the Grand Secretary not later than 12.00 o'clock noon on the Monday preceding the opening of the Annual Communication, at which time the Grand Secretary shall declare the nominations closed."

There was considerable discussion on the Motion re Section 12, as amended. This was put to the vote and defeated.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MW. Bro. J. C. McCormick, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Dakota, brought greetings and best wishes from the brethren of North Dakota.

R.W. Bro. Wellington Smith, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario), said he was enjoying one of the greatest privileges of our Fraternity—that of visiting with friends. He thanked our brethren for the many kindnesses shown to him during his stay.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was adjourned at 12.20 to enable the brethren to attend the Luncheon given under the auspices of the Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

A complimentary luncheon was provided for the out-of-town members and the Distinguished Guests by the Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg, supported by the Lodges comprising the Greater Winnipeg area.

R.W. Bro. E. M. Finkleman (143), President of the Past Masters' Association, presided at the Luncheon which was served at 12.30 p.m. V.W. Bro. G. W. Rattray (165) introduced the guest speaker, M.W. Bro. Harry A. Speich, Im. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, who gave the following Address:

ADDRESS OF M.W. BRO. HARRY A. SPEICH

Bro. Chairman, Reverend Gentlemen of the Cloth,
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,
Distinguished Guests, and Brethren:

Brother Rattray's introduction reminds me of the old Chinese proverb which says that wherever an uncle kisses his nephew for the first time, there shall he gain special attainment. For instance, should he kiss his nephew on the forehead, the child will become a great thinker; if on the throat, a great singer. Now I don't know where Brother Rattray's uncle kissed him for the first time, but I'm sure that he must be a very successful insurance man.

May I especially commend you, Brother Whiteman, on your excellent voice that you have so generously shared with us. Those of us who can't carry a tune, even if it were possible to confine it to a bushel basket, are particularly appreciative of your talent in that you compliment us by your sharing it with us, and so we may enjoy singing. Brother Whiteman, a great teacher of mine and the Dean of Men at the University of Wisconsin, Scott H. Goodnight, under similar circumstances said to a young man who had just sung for us and shared just such a talent as yours, "Young man, you must or should be a very happy person to have such a fine voice that you seemingly share so generously and with so much pleasure. You know," continued Dean Goodnight, "that you compliment those of us who are unable to sing by the very fact that you can sing and so we share in your voice as if it were our own. May you always, whenever the opportunity arises, share that fine voice with your fellows, and I know you will be very happy for it." May I hope, Brother Whiteman, that you will always share your voice whenever the occasion arises.

May I bring the greeting of my Grand Master, Emory W. Krauthoefer, my Grand Secretary, Paul W. Grossenbach, both of whom are well known to some of your Grand Lodge Officers, my Grand Lodge Officers, and my Craft of sixty-five thousand Masons distributed over 310 lodges, 307 of which are chartered and three of which are under dispensation. With this, may I also bring you the greetings of the Worshiful Master of my lodge, my Officers and my brethren of Mineral Point Lodge No. 1. Should any of you ever find yourselves in Wisconsin, you will find it's very easy to visit a lodge, because the rule of our jurisdiction is that lodge visitation is the right of a Mason, subject only to denial by the Master for cause. Should any of you ever find yourselves in Mineral Point, it will be a privilege for me to present you to my lodge. And I'm sure I can say without fear of contradiction that you will find the same spirit of fellowship in all the lodges of the state, should you ever choose to avail yourselves of the privilege of visitation.

You know, of course, that this is a great experience for me, refreshing, thrilling, challenging, exciting, pleasant, and particularly heart-warming in that it permits me to greet some old friends in Masonry. While I was Grand Master, I visited well over one hundred lodges, and as you would expect, those were great experiences. Being here today in this hour and in this moment puts me in mind of one of

them in particular. It happened that while I served, the Grand Master of Iowa lived some sixty miles from me and at Postville, Iowa. Apparently this accidental proximity of geography and service was responsible for a mutually enjoyed fellowship that our border lodges were quick to sense and eager to emphasize. As a result, the three lodges of of Dubuque, Iowa, Dubuque Lodge No. 3, Metropolitan Lodge No. 49, and Mosaic Lodge No. 125, in making plans for the reception of their Grand Master, extended an invitation to me and to the brethren of the border Wisconsin lodges to attend the affair that was to involve the conferring of the Master Mason Degree. This day, this hour, and this moment vividly remind of two things that I experienced and shall never forget of that eventful occasion.

The Temple of Dubuque is a beautiful building in its own right, but I remember it not so much for its architectural design as I do for the bold inscription in stone over the main entrance that holds these significant words:

"Masonry Builds Temples in the Hearts of Men."

May I tell you that reading those words as I approached the Temple was one of the most moving experiences I have ever had. And yet, thrilling as was that experience, the evening had in store for me yet another one of even greater significance.

May I digress to tell you that the Iowa ritual for the reception of the Grand Master is one of the most beautiful, one of the most meaningful, and one of the most significant ceremonies that I have ever seen. Many of the ceremonies for the reception of the Grand Master that I have witnessed are distinguished only for their lonesomeness. In other words, the Grand Master's presence is so emphasized that you make him feel all alone, except for the lone escort. In the Iowa ceremony this is not true, and a staff or group of officers wait on you, following which you are ushered to the altar through a cordon of Craftsmen, and subsequently through another cordon of Craftsmen to the East, where you are greeted and received by the Master of the lodge. As I marched successively to the altar and to the East, I was made most aware of the fact that being a Grand Master of Wisconsin visiting in Iowa, I had the duty to act as one, and to say the least, if anything will make you humble and contrite of heart, the Iowa Grand Master's reception ceremony will do just that to you.

Ultimately, and as you would expect, I reached the East and was most graciously received by the Master of the lodge, when suddenly it dawned on me that the Master of this lodge was an Oriental and presumably of Chinese extraction. The realization of this and the attendant joy in the reality of the principles of Masonry that followed just overwhelmed me. Following the usual presentation and welcome, this fine Chinese Master of Dubuque Lodge No. 3 of Dubuque turned to me for the usual word, and as I placed my arm around his shoulders, these words fell from my lips with a spontaneity whose source I shall never know again: "It's evident that in Dubuque your Masonry builds Temples in the hearts of men." One would almost think that I had had more than my share of the good things for one day, but I must tell you what followed or the significance of the story will be lost. As all of us turned to take our leave from the East for what was to follow, this little Master turned to me and with tears streaming down his cheeks, he said, "My brother, sometime during this evening I would like to add my testimony in support of your observation, because I am the illustration that in Dubuque Masonry builds Temples in the hearts of men."

A moment ago I said that this day, this hour, and this moment reminded me of a great personal experience, and now I would like to give you the reason.

As I observed your Board of General Purposes in session yesterday as it discussed the clandestine Chinese Lodge, I realized that you were practicing a great principle of Masonry and you were in effect saying that in Masonry there should be no divisions among men. That one man was equal to and as good as another, irrespective of his race or creed, that if these Chinese brethren desired Masonry, they could find it within your lodges. And the proof of that is before me because as I gaze about the room I see Chinese brethren present who are here because they are Masons and officers of their lodges.

You know of course that in the States we are having serious problems concerning segregation, and while I know that we will ultimately resolve it if we will but follow the advice of the Grand Master of Georgia, who asked us to pray for them and to be patient in solving this problem, yet it has its Masonic complications. Our state has a Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and of course to maintain harmony

among our Grand Lodges, we dare not fraternize in any way with these regular Prince Hall Lodges, yet you and I know that we should. It has been my privilege to know one of the Grand Masters of the Prince Hall group in Wisconsin and to have visited with him and some of his brethren on a number of occasions, yet in none of these have we violated the rules of comity, even though we exercised the principles of Masonry in our man to man fellowship.

However, this is not all that I see. Certainly you men know that I am aware of the fact that your Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Brother Rothstein, is a Hebrew, and my heart is strangely warmed. In my town, a Jewish brother of mine accompanied me on my visitations because he cared so much for me that he didn't want me to be on the road in the centre of the night alone should something happen to me. In other words, he loved me enough to give up some of his time and freedom that I might perform what was expected of me, and what's even more striking, he cared enough for me to share his life with me in trying to preserve mine.

Yet even this is not all, and as if to prove beyond all shadow of doubt that you recognize a man for what he is worth, I am informed that one of the candidates for the office of Junior Grand Warden is a Mennonite. Whether he is successful in the election or not is unimportant. The real fact of striking consequence is that he is accepted as one of you and qualified to serve you.

Thus again I am reminded of the words on the Dubuque Temple, "Masonry builds Temples in the hearts of men." In all humbleness I must say to you that Masonry in Manitoba must build Temples in the hearts of men. May I tell you that I am bowed in heart and spirit at the privilege you have given me just to be here with you.

While Masonry grants to every man the absolute freedom of interpretation within the limits of the "Ancient Usages and Customs," this in no way simplifies the task. The search for truth if it is real, regardless of the area, will always be difficult, and Masonry is no exception to the rule. Thus, what I shall have to say must be recognized for what it is—a purely personal attempt to find the necessary answers justifying my interest in Masonry—in no way authoritative, ultimate or final, the reactions of a neophyte or an amateur sincerely concerned in being truthful according to his light and understanding.

Should you wonder why my interest in Masonry requires a personal justification, this may serve to explain it to you. Everyone present is aware, I'm sure, that every age is peculiarly distinctive for a number of things in a variety of ways. Not only is this true of the past, but it applies as well to the present, this age and the period in which we live. Were we to attempt to catalogue the distinctions of this period in which we live, it's evident that our initial list would contain only the obvious, and that many of the equally distinctive characteristics of these times would be overlooked because we seemingly accept them without realizing that they do exist. In those cases that we know of or are aware of their existence, we accept their demands as an absolute requirement for our lives, and without protest, apparently.

One such demand made on us as the children of this era without our apparent realization or protest, is the constantly increasing claims of organizations of every kind and description on our time. No matter where you turn, new demands appear asking not so much of you in terms of goods as they do in terms of time. In the vast majority of the cases, the purposes justify the demands made with but one great universal exception, the individual person just is unable to find time enough to render the service the endeavor merits.

Stating this another way, the amount of time required of the average individual in the pursuit of his livelihood is such that if he attempts to fulfil the obligations necessary to normal family living, the obligations to the numberless organizations entitled to a demand on his time, either his family or his organizations must suffer, and if he should fulfil these two obligations, then his obligations to his livelihood must suffer. Realizing all this, I decided that I needed to do a little critical thinking about the various organizations I was affiliated with in terms of the justification of time and the demands each made.

Of necessity, any decision ought to be based on sound reason, and I believe this begins at self examination. Of necessity, all of us need to be successful enough in our business or employment to properly care for our normal needs. This does not involve either maximum or minimum standards, normal requirements to be considered neither too much or too little, rather a standard of moderation.

Secondly, I think we need to know we stand for the right purposes, the right things, and the maintenance of

the right standards are essential to our success in living, whether this is in our business, or our home, or in our organizations.

While the rules governing our business are to a degree a part of that forum, neither the forum of business or just the forums of living will succeed unless we gather proper resources for it, and at this point we must look to our organizations for those resources. In other words, our lives are governed by our social institutions even more than we realize.

Webster defines a social organization as "The structure of relations inside of a group, usually the relations of subgroups and of institutions." Masonry as a Craft would certainly fall into this category, but certainly much more could and should be said on what the purposes of an organization should be. Since this is a Masonic gathering, the appropriateness of citing the views of Masonic scholars is eminently recommended.

Dean Roscoe Pound summarizes the purposes and definition of Johann Gottlieb Fichte of a social organization and institution in this manner, the inherent dangers of oversimplification are not to be overlooked. Remembering that Fichte lived in a time of great historical instability, it's unusual to find that in spite of the chaos, internal strife, and conflict, he saw that unless man could develop fully, wholly, and become an integrated, balanced unit, he would destroy himself with his suspicions, misunderstandings and prejudices. He felt that the deviousness of the society of his day only served the point of view of the individual position to the complete lack of understanding of his fellow as a similar fellow human being. If man was to be saved from himself, he must recognize that man was the basic social unit.

In society Fichte saw these basics, and I would presume that fundamental to society was a system of law, government or state that created the right climate or environment for his complete development of man to ultimate perfection that would be unnatural to suspicion, misunderstanding and prejudice.

In this properly created climate, the church would serve its function by pointing out to men their true relation to life as a whole to their fellow man, that was theirs by the sole and very fact that they were their duty. That the times in which he lived made him suspicious of the church

cannot be denied, yet I suspect we can agree with his reasoning for his day that the church does not make men devout as such, free from fear, free from the hope of reward for good and by the mere profession of faith; if devoutness is to become real, it must be an internal condition, an enduring frame of mind. His attitude that Masonry must save men from the incidental, the one-sided, is clearly understood in the face of the times in which he lived.

Morality then, for Fichte, meant doing the well understood duty without outside incentive because it was one's duty, to the end of human perfection.

Unlike his contemporaries, he saw the state, the church, the profession, the vocation, and all organizations of the social structure as separate forces working to the same good, of equal grade and equal duty, dedicated to make man realize the ultimate for man, an attainable perfection. Masonry in his thinking was to have a special place, and its methods were the secrets of historical timelessness that were to serve in helping men to find that all around quotient in a civilized society, the individual, the man, the person.

Dean Pound strikingly summarizes the thinking of Karl Christian Krause, another great Mason whose worth to the Craft came posthumously in this fashion. I am crediting the illustration used to Dean Pound. According to Pound, Krause would distinguish the natural order, the social order, and the moral order.

In the natural order of things in the plant world, science tells of the ceaseless and relentless strife that is going on constantly. Every plant not only contends with every other plant, but must contend against the ravages of insects, the voracity of the grazing animals and the implements of men. The standard, then, of the natural order is conflict.

If we turn to the artificial conditions of a garden, the contrast is most apparent, if not extreme. The plants of a garden are planted so that they will not interfere with each other, are supplied with ideal soil, are watered, are fertilized, and the competition of weeds is removed. While the struggle may still be there, the burden is shifted from the plant to the gardener. Under these conditions, the plants are able to devote their entire energies to the more perfect development, resulting in forms and varieties far beyond the natural wild state.

Similarly, society and civilization are an artificial order, maintained at the price of vigilance and diligence in opposition to natural forces, but we are the gardeners. In the savage society, the private war is the means of settlement of the dispute. In civilized society, man joins with man to eliminate the natural struggle because peace, order and security are the essentials of civilization, and so that the individual may pursue his special end with all his energy. Thus and as civilization advances, the force of society is substituted for the force of the individual.

However, the maintenance of a stable society depends on much more than mere law, because in the beginning the germs of law and legal institutions are found in ancient religions, religion and morals serving initially to hold man in check while the law was beginning its development. While religion, morals, and the law began as one, evolution has slowly differentiated them into three regulating or controlling agencies by which society is upheld. Today they stand as three great systems, with their separate aims, fields, organizations and methods to support the order of the garden simile, religion supplying the supernatural sanctions, morality the sanction of private conscience fortified by public opinion, and law the sanction of the force of organized society. Hence, religion lends its force to that of the state and the state taking over and putting itself behind the law.

Here and at this point, the reasoning of Krause is particularly interesting, for he says that behind the system of morality standing upon the solid middle ground of moral sentiments, based in the force of tradition with sanction of human approval or disapproval, as the case may be, stands Masonry and its contemporaries, looking to religion on the one side and to the state on the other. And the great goal is the perfection of humanity in man as an individual.

In retrospect now, both of these men stress the great need of man to be in a social environment not only where he may develop to his ultimate, but wherein he may do so without hindering his fellows. In fact, the real ideal would be found in the environment wherein man not only developed himself but assisted his fellow to the same goal, the perfection of the individual human personality.

It follows from what these men have said, and of course they go on to say it themselves, that all of the organizations in men's lives, no matter how you classify them, must con-

tribute to this goal of ultimate human perfection. It must be stated also that with relation to our discussion, that neither of these men achieved distinction within the Craft in their day, and were remembered for their specific contributions in philosophy and law, yet both gave to the world as a whole an excellent definition of life's purpose that also happens to be Masonic to the very core.

But the real point of this discussion should be to bring it down to our needs, and the first thing that I see in it is that it gives each one of us real definition and meaning. It tells us first and foremost that if we are to count for something we must act like something that counts. While we are only one of many, we are one, a unit, the common denominator of all mankind. Logically, deductively, and obviously, we ought to act consistent with our status in the count of mankind, and act like the one we are, a whole number, an integrated unit.

Once we become a whole number, an integrated unit, acting in accord with this whole status, we'll have no difficulty assuming our proper status in the social structure because we'll respect ourselves so much that suspicion, misunderstanding, and prejudices, yes, even meanness, will be beneath us, and perhaps we'll come to the complete understanding of abstract justice meted out in the incidental meeting of Christ and the harlot.

However, that's not all of the by-products. Once you attain the proper self respect for yourself, it's evident that you'll act above the mean, the lowly, and what's really more important, you'll not gather this self respect unto yourself until you extend it to your fellow man and your neighbor, first by your failure to hinder him in his growth either actively or inactively, and secondly, by your assisting him to achieve his ultimate in human perfection, either actively or inactively. Saying this another way, we'll never earn our own self respect until we give it to our neighbor. And this is the reward, we reap, we become the number one, the whole number, the common denominator of society, the whole being.

We started out talking about organizations, the variety of them, the demands they made upon our goods and our time, and the conflict they created between our business and our home in dividing our time so finely that in straddling the triangle created, we'd fly apart into three pieces if touched by the dullest object. The answer for us should

be pretty obvious. Any organization that fails to fit into making us a whole digit probably should be discarded, no matter how meritorious may be its aim or its charities. Measured by these standards, I am sure each of us can throw out a number of things that have been claiming our time and that have prevented us from becoming a whole being.

At this point you're probably saying, "But this was supposed to be a Masonic discussion, and up to now any similarity is purely coincidental, as the movies say."

But that's what Masonry says, clearly intelligibly, without reservation. If the ritual of Masonry says anything less, it's because we've made the mistake of worshipping fancied tradition, the fecundity of words without the use of a dictionary, or the tests of the scholar. In fact, we're being flattered at the point of our egotism at belonging to the second oldest social institution on the scene rather than at the point of our ego, or net worth.

Fichte saw in Masonry, according to Pound, the opportunity for man to develop to the whole number, thereby enabling him to cast off his one-sidedness and to acquire the needed balance between vocation, class, religion, denomination, position, etc., as it involved his fellow, merging us into the purposes of the whole from the many sided, and removing the bludgeon of incompatibility to the end that we do our well-understood duty, first, to ourselves, and secondly, to our neighbor, all of which is taught over and over again through timelessness of ritual properly understood.

Pound says of Krause that in common with all other institutions working in harmony, Masonry seeks the perfection of humanity in organizing the universal moral sentiments of mankind into the sanction of human approval or disapproval, as the case may require, measuring the internal conditions by reason and restraint, all of which must ultimately bring perfection.

And so that we'll not miss the obvious, these men say clearly, this must be done within and without the lodge.

In my jurisdiction, and I understand that we are not alone in this, the losses exceed the gains. To my mind, one of the causes is that we fail to understand our genesis, or our tradition. Again, we are being pulled off base by the apparent popularity of competing organizations that take so much

and give so little, a passing fad. If we as Masons understand that it's every man's duty, especially a Mason's, to create the climate wherein every man may develop to the ultimate of human perfection, to become the whole number, not only within but without the lodge, not only in his community, his province, his nation, his world, men will be beating on our doors constantly. But the attainment of this whole number status will require its practice all the time throughout every day, day in, day out, year after year, and then we'll understand our fellows because we understand ourselves.

Several year ago Hollywood produced a movie entitled "For Whom the Bell Tolls," taking its title from a few insignificant lines of the not too well known poet, Donne. It sought to portray the stifling effects of the civil war in Spain, and for me it gave meaning to the words of the poet in terms of self respect for our fellow man as well as for ourselves. Only when we as Masons catch the vision of these words:

"Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind;
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls,
It tolls for thee;"

will we inherit the title we so proudly claim.

Prolonged applause marked the completion of this Address and W. Bro. R. G. Turnbull (121), on behalf of the brethren present, thanked the guest speaker for his excellent Address.

The Toast to the Office of M.W. Grand Master was proposed by R.W. Bro. E. J. Heaney (165), to which the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, responded. Bro. Bert Whiteman (25) entertained the brethren with some very fine vocal solos.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6th, 1957

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 2.40 p.m.

REPORT ON THE BANFF CONFERENCE—1956

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Sixteenth Annual Inter-Provincial Conference of the Officers of the Four Western Masonic Jurisdictions was held at Banff, Alberta, on September 6th, 7th and 8th, 1956. As Chairman of this Conference I submit the following report:

Attending this meeting from Manitoba were the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Immediate Past Grand Master and M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans, who was the Guest Speaker.

There was a total attendance of thirty-three, representing seven Grand Jurisdictions, namely: British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Victoria, Australia. Among those present were six Grand Masters, three Deputy Grand Masters, two Senior Grand Wardens, two Junior Grand Wardens, two Immediate Past Grand Masters, three Grand Secretaries, six Past Grand Masters, and nine Worshipful Masters. This will give you some idea of the importance and value that is placed on this Conference, not only by the Western Jurisdictions but by American Grand Lodges as well.

M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis, the Conference Secretary was absent this year for the first time since its inception sixteen years ago. He had not been enjoying good health for some time and last July, whilst motoring, he suffered a heart attack which caused him to have an accident on the road. It was with profound regret and sorrow that we learned of his death in April of this year. M.W. Bro. Ellis has been Secretary all these years, and during that time has made a constant and effective contribution to the success of each Conference.

In view of these melancholy circumstances, you will be pleased to know that at the 1955 Conference many of those attending intimated it would be very appropriate if, at the 1956 Conference a suitable presentation could be made to our Secretary. Therefore a bronze and marble buffalo desk set was procured suitably engraved as a tangible expression of our esteem and regard and as a well deserved tribute to the zeal and assiduity which he displayed and contributed to these Conferences. M.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard, Grand Master of Alberta made the presentation to Bro. Ellis at his home at the close of the Conference.

M.W. Bro. S. C. Heckbert was confirmed by the gathering as acting Secretary and to him was expressed the appreciation of the brethren for much of the necessary preliminary arrangements.

As previously, the Conference was held in the spacious Lodge room of Cascade No. 5, Alberta. The Address which opened the proceedings

was given by our own M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans who chose for his subject "The What, Where, When and Why of Freemasonry." It will be no surprise to the brethren who have heard M.W. Bro. Evans speak, to know that his Address was a penetrating and searching enquiry into the whole panorama of Freemasonry. You will find this one of the finest Masonic Addresses you may ever be privileged to hear or read. We hope every Brother in the Western Jurisdictions will be given the opportunity of hearing it in his own lodge.

The four topics submitted for discussion were as follows:

1. The Heritage of Freemasonry and its present day application.
2. The contribution of the Junior Officers of the Lodge below the rank of Junior Warden.
3. What are those Excellent Precepts—in the passage of the Charge to the W.M. in the Installation Ceremony—"Charge them to practice out of the lodge those excellent precepts which are ever inculcated in it."
4. How to build a balanced and interesting programme.
    1. For small lodges.
    2. For large lodges.

You will notice that two of the papers deal with the practical conduct of a Lodge and are therefore particularly of interest to Masters and prospective Masters. The other two give us plenty of opportunity to ponder and speculate in our hearts and minds on our Masonic Art.

Since this Conference was first held sixteen years ago, well over one hundred papers have been submitted. What a tremendous amount of research and effort that represents! What a wide variety of vital and interesting Masonic subjects have been covered! On top of all that, the lodges in the four Jurisdictions have been supplied with copies every year. Each lodge should therefore have a complete set of papers and Addresses in its own library for reference and continuing use, only in this way will all the brethren receive the full benefit of these Conferences.

A study of the four papers will confirm that they maintained the high standards of previous years. As Chairman this year, it was most gratifying that so many of the brethren attending from Manitoba were able to make such substantial contributions to the Conference. Particular thanks are due M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly our Grand Librarian for preparing at very short notice the paper entitled "What are Those Excellent Precepts," and to M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, our Grand Secretary for presenting it.

The visiting brethren were most appreciative of all the hospitality extended to them by the Grand Master of Alberta, M.W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard, who was assisted by many other brethren from his Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. EMMETT.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. P. White (4), and Carried.

MOTION RE PAST MASTERS' LUNCHEON

It was moved by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), seconded by M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27), that the sincere thanks

be extended through the Grand Secretary to the Past Masters' Association and the Lodges of Greater Winnipeg, of the brethren from the other Cities, Towns and Villages of Manitoba for the privilege of being their guests at the Thursday luncheon. This is an outstanding event in our Grand Lodge Communication and we deeply appreciate the kindness of our brethren of Greater Winnipeg. Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

INVESTMENTS

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Investments submits the following report:

During the past year your Committee made a general review of the investments of Grand Lodge and obtained recommendations from certain investment dealers in that regard. The result of this was that certain short term Government of Canada bonds were sold and with the proceeds a slightly larger amount of longer term Provincial bonds were purchased. These transactions increased the income from our investments by $625.00 per annum.

A summary of the transactions and the funds affected is as follows:

Fund	Sales (Maturity Value)	Purchases (Maturity Value)	Annual Increase of Income
Benevolent Endowment	$41,500.00	$41,500.00	$315.00
Beneficiary	$18,500.00	$18,500.00	$220.00
Masonic Disaster Relief	$10,000.00	$11,000.00	$ 90.00

The bonds that were sold had been purchased originally at higher prices and according to good accounting practice the difference between these prices is shown as a loss in the Auditor's Report. On the other hand, bonds having a maturity value of $71,000.00 were purchased for $66,611.25 and this potential profit of $4,388.75 will not appear in the Auditor's Report until these bonds are either paid on maturity or sold at a price higher than their purchase price.

The Committee wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to our Grand Secretary and to his assistants for the careful attention they have given to all matters touching upon the work of this Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

B. STUART PARKER,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), and Carried.

FINANCE

To the Right Worshiful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Finance, begs to submit the following report. During the past year, your Committee has carefully supervised all matters pertaining to the General Fund of Grand Lodge. Meetings were held regularly each month to check and authorize payment of all accounts presented through the Grand Secretary.

Balance of Income and Expenditure as at March 31st, 1957:

Income Budgeted		$28,297.00
Income, Actual		27,391.49
Expenditures Budgeted	$29,050.00	
Implemented during year	75.00	
		29,125.00
Expenditures, Actual		27,933.37
Surplus as at March 31st, 1956		26,118.24
Surplus as at March 31st, 1957		25,076.36
Excess of Expenditures over Income		541.88
Bond Premium written off		500.00

Your Committee has had only one appropriation to approve beyond the amounts budgeted, which was $75.00 to pay for the preparation of material with regard to the Mentor Plan of education.

In order to acquaint the brethren of this Grand Lodge regarding certain matters that will have a bearing on the General Fund and which do not come under the heading of normal expense, your Committee submits the following items which should receive immediate or future consideration.

Within the past three years, three large fires have destroyed considerable property within close proximity of the Masonic Temple which houses the Offices of Grand Lodge. Each succeeding fire has made us more conscious of the fact that many records and documents of Grand Lodge have little or no fire protection in the way of a fire-proof vault, and in all probability would be lost should an unfortunate fire occur in the Temple.

The year 1964 will mark the One Hundredth Anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into Manitoba. How are we going to observe this important event?

In eighteen years, our Grand Lodge will have reached the Century mark, time passes quickly and in the next few years decisions should be made as to the manner in which we can celebrate this outstanding occasion. The years of advance planning by the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) for their Centenary and its ultimate complete success, should serve as a reminder that such an event cannot be planned and executed over night.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our Grand Secretary for his ever-ready assistance. The preparation and presentation of comparative information and figures by him for the information of this Committee has been most helpful, and has enabled us to perform our duties with the greatest effect.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to Miss Margaret Anderson and W. Bro. Gordon McKenzie for their kind assistance and co-operation at all times.

The Budget, showing the approximate income and expenditure for the year 1957-58, is attached to and forms part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY H. GRAY,
Chairman.

BUDGET—1957-1958

INCOME

	Budget 1956-57	Actual 1956-57	Budget 1957-58
Dues	$23,500.00	$23,387.25	$23,700.00
Initiations	1,250.00	1,300.00	1,200.00
M.M. Certificates	1,300.00	1,280,00	1,200.00
L.M. Certificates	140.00	107.50	100.00
P.M. Certificates	100.00	93.00	100.00
Dispensations	175.00	167.00	170.00
Bond Interest	300.00	300.00	300.00
Administration—Benevolent E. Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00
Sale of Supplies	1,200.00	456.74	460.00
Fidelity Bonds	32.00	.....	.....
	$28,297.00	$27,391.49	$27,530.00

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	$10,100.00	$10,100.00	$10,700.00
Grand Lodge Communication	4,000.00	3,732.11	4,000.00
Institutions, Constitutions, etc.	200.00	22.98	400.00
Masonry in Manitoba	2,800.00	2,730.73	2,900.00
Annuities	548.00	547.51	550.00
Library	1,800.00	1,741.96	2,100.00
Rent	1,650.00	1,670.50	1,750.00
Grand Master	1,000.00	828.71	1,000.00
G.L. Officers and Grand Secretary	550.00	238.44	500.00
Lodges under Grand Master	450.00	307.20	450.00
Board Meetings	800.00	521.35	800.00
Area Meetings	425.00	423.90	532.00
Stationery and Office Supplies	800.00	983.76	1,200.00
Regalia	260.00	260.00	260.00
Conferences	1,290.00	1,272.15	1,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	205.00	205.00	800.00
Audit	400.00	400.00	400.00
Postage and Express	550.00	545.28	575.00
M.M. Certificates	100.00	75.57	100.00
Telephone and Telegraph	150.00	147.60	150.00
Masonic Relief Association	117.00	115.23	120.00
Fifty-year Jewels	275.00	287.50	300.00
Insurance	10.00	6.80	186.00
Unemployment Insurance	110.00	108.84	110.00
Committees	270.00	155.60	225.00
Exchange	40.00	45.18	50.00
Safety Deposit Box	25.00	25.00	25.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	152.22	200.00
Flowers	.....	107.89	75.00
G.M. Funeral Expense	.....	174.36	.....
	$29,125.00	$27,933.37	$31,458.00
Estimated Income			$27,530.00
To be taken from Surplus			$ 3,928.00

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93), and Carried.

DECLARATION OF CLOSE OF BALLOT

At this point the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, stated it was 3.00 p.m. and declared the Ballot closed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AND GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Masonic Research and Education, begs to submit the following report:

THE MENTOR PLAN

Following the recommendation of this Committee at the last Grand Lodge Communication, the sub-committee in charge of preparing a programme of Masonic Study and Education for use by the constituent lodges in instructing their candidates in the fundamentals of the Craft, was re-appointed to continue its work for another year.

At our September meeting the sub-committee submitted a draft of a Manual for the assistance and guidance of the Mentor regarding the instructions to be given to the candidate under this plan. This received the unanimous approval of the Committee.

In order to determine the value of the material provided in the programme of instruction, twelve lodges (six within the Greater Winnipeg area, and six outside of it) were asked to use the plan for the instruction of their candidates during the present year, and make their suggestions for improvement to this Committee before May 1st next. The following Lodges now have the Mentor plan in operation:

Lisgar No. 2, Selkirk	St. James No. 121, St. James
Brandon No. 19, Brandon	Fort Garry No. 130, Winnipeg
Shiloh No. 70, Roland	Windsor No. 138, St. Vital
Tweed No. 113, Brandon	Menorah No. 167, East Kildonan

Reports of the Mentor Plan from five lodges which have used it on a trial basis have come in. In each case there is hearty approval of the Plan itself and of the material provided. All agree that it should be recommended for use in our Jurisdiction.

This Committee recommends the approval of the Mentor Plan by Grand Lodge, and if approved, further recommends that 500 copies each

of the Candidate booklets and 500 copies of the Mentor's Manual be printed for use of the Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. These booklets and the Manual to be sold to the Lodges at 50c for the booklets and 40c for the Manual, or 90c for the set, including the Manual.

While the material of the plan was prepared mainly on the basis of the Canadian Work, it has been set out in such a way that it is applicable to the American or York Rite as well, and will be available to Lodges using this Work. It is understood that these booklets will be available only to those lodges putting the Mentor Plan into full effect. Those not using this plan may obtain the former booklets for presentation to the candidates.

AREA MEETINGS

Arrangements were again made for two Area Meetings to be held this year. The first one was held at Holland on April 30th, at which Holland Lodge acted as Host Lodge. This meeting was attended by approximately 115 members of the lodges invited around that area. The second meeting, held at Virden on May 6th, at which Lebanon Lodge acted as Host Lodge. Approximately 145 members of the invited lodges surrounding that area attended. Both meetings were preceded by a well-attended banquet under the direction of the Host Lodges, which started at 6.00 p.m. and concluded with the customary Toasts in time for the meeting to start at 8.00 p.m. The following Programme was arranged for the meetings:

1. Community Singing, under the direction of M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly.
2. How Should it be Done? Under this heading, R.W. Bro. Stuart Parker gave a demonstration on the following procedures:
   (*a*) How to approach the Altar to Ballot and return to place.
   (*b*) How to approach the Altar with the candidate in the three degrees.

This was followed with keen attention by the members present and resulted in several questions which had to be answered after the demonstration.

3. Funeral Graveside Service Demonstration—At the Holland Area Meeting this was under the direction of R.W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman, with a group of brethren from Treherne Lodge No. 51 taking part.
   At the Virden Area Meeting W. Bro. G. M. Strange, W.M. of Brandon Lodge No. 19, supported by some of his Officers and brethren, gave this demonstration.

This too was followed with a great deal of interest by the brethren present, and the discussion which followed furnished valuable information on procedure to many of the members present.

4. The Mentor Plan in action.—Following a brief introduction of the meaning and purpose the plan, M.W. Bros. H. B. Donnelly and H. H. Gray gave a demonstration of the discussions which would arise between the Mentor and candidate following each degree. The keen interest this demonstration evoked leaves the impression that this plan of candidate instruction met with general approval.
5. Question and Answer Period: This was under the direction of R.W. Bro. Stuart Parker. Questions had been submitted beforehand by the lodges invited. At both meetings more brethren took an active part than ever before, proving that there is a desire for more Masonic light and knowledge among the rank and file of the Craft. It is to be hoped that the Officers present will make practical use of the knowledge thus gained in the conduct of their own meetings.

6. Each meeting was concluded with a short Address by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, who is blessed with that rare quality of creating a homey atmosphere the moment he rises to speak, as well as to leave food for thought to take home, in a few well chosen words.

Time has always been a great factor at these meetings, limiting the discussions of topics relative to Craft practices on which many a member would have liked further information. It left no doubt in the minds of the brethren present, that these Area Meetings are making a valuable contribution toward stimulating greater interest and desire for a better understanding of the theory of Freemasonry. This Committe therefore recommends that Area Meetings be continued in the future.

LIBRARY

As in former years, a Library Committee was again appointed to consider the purchase of new books for the library. A detailed report regarding Library work is appended hereto and forms a part of this report. It only remains for this Committee to express their deep gratitude and appreciation to M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly who, as Grand Librarian, so often went far beyond his duties in rendering service to this Committee.

GENERAL

At our January Meeting, M.W. Bro. Donnelly submitted for the approval of this Committee a draft of a Quiz Contest he had prepared in the form of true or false questions on the Constitution, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees. The purpose was to make copies of these questions available to the constituent lodges, as a programme of education for their members at regular meetings. This received the unanimous approval of the Committee, and a number of lodges have already made use of this Quiz Contest and found it to be interesting and instructive.

During the year, about thirty Addresses on Masonic Topics have been given to lodges in this Jurisdiction by members of this Committee and M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett. These were much appreciated and well received.

The question raised in the Grand Master's Address at the last Annual Communication regarding the need for a better understanding of the function and operation of Grand Lodge has received the consideration of the members of this Committee. While no concrete proposal for a solution of this problem was arrived at, the general opinion of this Committee was that this could probably be best taken care of, if the Officers attending the Annual Communication submitted a summary of the proceedings to their respective lodges promptly at their next regular meeting. The importance of such a report to the lodges could be emphasized by the District Deputy Grand Masters as part of their instructions to the lodges on their official visits.

In conclusion, this Committee is again happy to express their sincere appreciation and thanks for the kind co-operation it received at all times from our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, and his staff, making it a very pleasant relationship throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. SAWATZKY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, Chairman,
Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother:

I have the honor to present my report as Grand Librarian for the year ending March 31st, 1957.

Someone has said "there is no such thing as an interesting book, only interested readers." This, I feel, applies particularly to books on Freemasonry. The Library exists primarily to meet the needs of those in the Craft who wish to understand it better and to broaden their knowledge of its teachings and history. One cannot, of course, say that the comparatively few out of our total membership who use the resources of the Library are the only ones who are interested in Freemasonry. But if we are to maintain the influence of our Craft, we must depend, to a large extent on those who are well-informed, for only through such brethren can the purity of our teaching be maintained and our traditions preserved.

This year has again seen a fairly steady demand for books. The number borrowed was 339, besides 67 clippings, pamphlets and magazines. These totals are somewhat less than last year's. One cannot however, estimate the number of actual readers from these figures, as frequently books are passed from one brother to another and the circle of readers widens.

The Library, however, would not be fulfilling its function if its only activity is in lending books; efforts are constantly being made to provide information and to build up interest among the members of our Grand Jurisdiction.

One such effort has been the preparation in the Library of a set of Quiz Contests. These are of the True-False type, and the answers are made on prepared sheets, so there is no embarrassment to the individual brother in attempting to answer orally in lodge. There are four contests in all, one on the Constitution, and one on each of the three Degrees. The instructive feature of these is the discussion that follows the marking of the sheets. A number of lodges have used these with gratifying success, and it is expected that use of them will extend, as lodges come to know that they are available.

The Library has also met requests for information on a wide range of topics and has provided help to Masters and Chairmen of Study groups in planning their programmes.

As in former years, following the District Meetings, letters were sent out to the brethren elected District Deputy Grand Masters for the following year, reminding them of the resources of the Library. A good number of them have been supplied with books and other material to help them prepare for the duties of their office.

Following a notice in *Masonry in Manitoba* stating that back issues of this publication were available at the Library, a number of requests for such issues were filled. These came both from our own and other Grand Jurisdictions. Requests came from distant places like California, Ohio, Nebraska and Quebec, indicating that our publication is widely and favorably known.

The demand for the "Book Kits" has fallen off somewhat though some are still in circulation. It might be possible to change the plan in some

respects, to enable lodges more easily to choose the books they feel would be most useful to them. This matter will be taken up with the Committee on Research and Education some time before our Grand Lodge Communication.

There is still a demand for the booklet "One Hundred One Questions about Freemasonry." Over 300 of these have been sold since the last report.

While the Librarian takes note of all announcements of new Masonic books published, there have been very few which seemed worth while during the past year. Only seven new books have been added to our shelves, one by gift, the others by purchase. The Library receives regularly, the Transactions of certain Research Lodges, three in England and two in New Zealand. These are all found very useful for reference material. Also, official publications of a number of other Grand Lodges are received and kept available to any who are interested.

It is difficult to set out the work of the Library in a statistical report. Much of its usefulness lies rather in personal contacts with brethren who call in at the Library or write for information. It is along these lines that your Librarian hopes he has been of some help in stimulating the interest of brethren in our Craft. All this is, of course, intangible, but nevertheless real.

Allow me to express to you, R.W. Bro. Sawatzky my sincere thanks for your support and encouragement during the past year. Also, I am grateful for the ready co-operation and assistance of the Grand Secretary and his staff.

Sincerely and fraternally,

H. B. DONNELLY,
Grand Librarian

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27), and Carried.

CONSTITUTION AND REVISION

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Constitution and Revision submits the following report.

The duty of this Committee is to make a continuous study of the Constitution of Grand Lodge and from time to time to recommend revision thereof or amendments thereto as the needs therefor may arise. In performance of this duty the Committee has met on several occasions during the past year to consider various matters relating to the Constitution. The result of these meetings is that the Committee has proposed amendments to Section 2 (*n*), 4, 12, 20, 25, 42 and 237 of the Constitution and to Regulations 12 and 14. The wording of each of these proposed amendments will appear elsewhere in the Proceedings and so it is unnecessary to repeat it here.

The studies of your Committee have been prompted by matters referred to it by the Board and by individual brethren as well as by matters that it undertook on its own initiative. It would be a valuable assistance to the work of the Committee in the coming year if every brother who has a recommendation to offer for the improvement of the Constitution would forward it to the Grand Secretary. This request applies to details as well as to larger issues. It is particularly important at this time as it is planned that the Committee will give consideration to a general revision of the Constitution in the year that lies ahead.

May I take this opportunity to thank each member of the Committee for his active interest and helpful assistance throughout the past year as well as to the Grand Secretary for his kind co-operation at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

B. STUART PARKER
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141), and Carried.

MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

The following motion was moved by R.W. Bro. W. P. White (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1), and Carried:

"That the Masonic Districts remain as at present constituted, with the addition of Three Pillars Lodge No. 169 to the Twelfth Masonic District."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee has given careful consideration to the Address and report of our Deputy Grand Master.

We wish to commend R.W. Bro. Rothstein for, and associate ourselves with the warm and well deserved tribute he has given to our late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin.

We fully realize that M.W. Bro. Irwin entered into his duties as Grand Master a year ago with enthusiasm and all the energy that he could physically and spiritually muster. We note with justifiable pride that during the six months of his term, he was able to attend nine District

Meetings, one Corner Stone laying, three Northern Lodges, two other Grand Lodge Communications, Banff Conference, one Constitution of a lodge and numerous lodges, both officially and unofficially. A clear indication of his determination and spiritual zeal for the Freemasonry he loved and served so well, to the end.

We miss his physical presence at this, his Grand Lodge Communication and also the opportunity to review the comments and recommendations he would have offered us, on his activities, observations and experiences.

In spite of the sad and melancholy circumstances of last December we commend out Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David Rothstein for assuming so cheerfully, the duties and responsibilities that automatically devolved on him with such suddenness. We were indeed fortunate that our Deputy Grand Master was able to arrange his private affairs so he could give himself so generously to the interest of the Craft since the beginning of the year.

The reference of the Deputy Grand Master to the brethren of this and sister Jurisdictions who have passed to the Celestial Grand Lodge Above since our last Communication aroused a warm and sympathetic chord in every heart. We commend him for his reference to our Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bros. E. T. Greenway and A. L. Crossin, whose devotion to the best interests of the Craft for many years has been so constant and effective. Also to our Honorary Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis of Alberta, who will be remembered chiefly for his magnificent contribution to Freemasonry as Secretary of the Banff Conference since its inception sixteen years ago.

We are delighted to observe that our close fraternal relations are being maintained and strengthened with other Jurisdictions and that we were represented at many of their Communications.

It is pleasing to know that the interest and value of the District Meetings continues to be maintained. With the helpful suggestions and material supplied the District Deputy Grand Masters, there seems no reason why they should not continue to make an increasingly rich contribution to Freemasonry in their Districts.

We join with the Deputy Grand Master in the satisfaction that our Grand Master had the opportunity of constituting Wheat City Lodge No 168. Also that our Deputy Grand Master was able to institute two new lodges, Lynn Lake Lodge U.D., at Lynn Lake, and Gateway Lodge U.D., at Winnipeg.

It is with the utmost gratification we draw to your attention the forty-one of our brethren who reached their half-century in Freemasonry and who were presented with their Fifty-year Jewels. What an inspiration to the younger brethren to have this evidence of consistent and continued interest in Freemasonry over such a long period.

Your Committee wholeheartedly associates itself with the remarks of our Deputy Grand Master regarding what has generally become known as the Banff Conference and All-Canada Conference. Freemasonry is world wide and we as Canadian Freemasons should not and dare not become provincial in our outlook. We concur in his recommendation that we continue to co-operate with both these Conferences. We also emphasize the recommendation that every lodge should make more use of the Banff Proceedings each year. Every lodge is supplied with these papers and should have complete sets in their libraries.

We are pleased to learn of the continued progress and generally flourishing condition of the four Lodges under the personal care of the Grand

Master, and to know that they were all visited during the year. Three by the Grand Master, the other by the Deputy Grand Master.

Your Committee was indeed pleased that our late Grand Master was invited to lay the corner stone of the Portage Collegiate at Portage la Prairie. It is a matter of sober reflection for all of us to speculate as to why we are not invited to perform this ceremony now, as frequently as we were in the past.

We were pleased that two Area Meetings were held again this year. Our Deputy Grand Master made a worthwhile contribution at both these well-attended gatherings. The programmes were instructive, interesting and inspiring. We recommend these meetings be continued in the future.

We are grateful to R.W. Bro. David Rothstein for his careful and harmonious leadership under conditions that were by no means easy. We deeply appreciate with what feeling he constantly reminded us that M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin was still our Grand Master, and that in his absence, he was only acting as his Deputy; and with what care he meticulously avoided doing or saying anything that might detract from that fact.

We concur most heartily with the Deputy Grand Master in his generous high tribute and well-deserved expressions of appreciation to the service and assistance of the Grand Secretary and other members of the Craft who gave unstintingly of their time, ability and experience to further the best interests of the Craft in the unusual circumstances that prevailed.

We commend the Deputy Grand Master for drawing to our attention this example of co-operative effort, for all of us to observe and imitate, and which has helped him to bring his term as Deputy Grand Master to such a successful and satisfying conclusion.

We are, therefore, very happy indeed to express to R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, our most sincere appreciation for his serious and untiring efforts and his exalted sense of duty in the performance of the duties imposed upon him so suddenly. We feel we are deeply indebted to him for the faithful and conscientious manner in which he has discharged the trust reposed in him, and we look forward to the future with confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. EMMETT,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7), and Carried.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report beg to submit the following:

This report contains a wealth of detailed information which merits the careful study of all members of the Craft. It is to be noted that the

membership now totals 16,075, with a net gain of 243 for the year. This gain is 15% less than that of 1955, largely due to an increase in suspensions for non-paid dues and in removals due to deaths. The number of lodges showing a decrease has risen to 44 and 10 were unchanged—this is nearly half the total of 117. It should be a matter of concern that 1,779 members are in arrears—this represents 11% of the total membership, and is serious in view of the 47% increase in suspensions. It is also of interest that 19 lodges had no initiations and 16 did not confer any degrees.

The analysis of fees and dues will be noted with interest by many lodges and the practice of reduced dues to non-resident members that is carried out by over 50% of the lodges. If this tends to discourage affiliations and thereby curtails the non-resident members' active participation in lodge activities, it is not desirable and should be discouraged.

The visiting of brethren from country lodges in Winnipeg hospitals is worthy of special commendation, and it would seem that the suggestion of the Grand Secretary that there be a central committee to facilitate this very worthwhile service merits consideration.

The relationship between the Grand Secretary and the lodge secretaries continues to be of a very high order, and M. W. Bro. Jackson is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts in this connection.

Once again our Grand Secretary has had a busy year accompanying our late Grand Master and our Deputy Grand Master on official visits. The time and effort he has expended in this important work and his fine contribution to these meetings is appreciated by all.

Your Committee recommends that the Grand Secretary's report be read in all lodges in order that the active membership may be made aware of its many interesting and thought-provoking features.

Once again we express to the Grand Secretary and to W. Bro. M. G. McKenzie and Miss Margaret Anderson, his efficient staff, our appreciation for the excellent work they are doing in the interests of the Craft.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

H. S. PERDUE,
Chairman.

This report was presented by R.W. Bro. H. S. Perdue (113), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27), and Carried.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.W. Bro. R. C. Hodsman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and M.W. Bro. G. R. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, both brought greetings from their own Grand Jurisdictions and thanked the brethren of Manitoba for the hospitality and many kindnesses which had been shown them during their stay in Winnipeg.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR JEWELS

At the request of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Directors of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), presented the following brethren in the Grand East, there to receive their Fifty-year Jewels:

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, King Edward Lodge No. 93 and Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143. W. Bro. Theodore Greenaway, Crystal Lodge No. 71.

These jewels were presented by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, who said he was delighted to present this recognition for the years of diligent service these brethren had given to the Craft.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

SECTION 25

It was moved by R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff (130), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1), that Section 25 be amended by deleting the words "The Grand Secretary" where they appear in the fifth line thereof. This section would then read as follows:

> "Section 25: The following Officers of Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Communication: The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Historian, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the Grand Librarian."

NOTICE OF MOTION

SECTION 42

It was moved by R.W. Bro. A. E. Duff (130), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1), that Section 42 be amended by inserting at the beginning of the Section the following words:

> "The Grand Secretary shall be appointed by the Board, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board and shall be invested at such time as the Grand Master shall direct. Should the Office of Grand Secretary become vacant from any cause whatever, the Board shall appoint a qualified member to fill such vacancy, and Section 44 of the Constitution shall not apply thereto."

In view of the fact that approval of either one of these Notices of Motion would automatically affect the other, they were both considered at the same time.

An amendment to the Motion on Section 42 was made by R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1), as follows:

"The Grand Secretary shall be appointed by the Board and shall be invested by the Grand Master as soon thereafter as shall be expedient, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. Should the Office of Grand Secretary become vacant from any cause whatever the Board shall appoint a qualified member to fill such vacancy and Section 44 of the Constitution shall not apply thereto."

There was considerable discussion of the Motions as amended, but on the call for the question, both were declared defeated.

NOTICE OF MOTION

SECTION 90, ITEM 14

It was moved by M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), that Section 90 be amended by deleting Item 14 of said Section and substituting therefor the following:

"Section 90, Item 14: For every member not a life member on June 3rd 1943, an Annual Fee of Two Dollars, payable one half thereof on the first day of January and one half thereof on the first day of July in each year, such payments to be based on the lodge membership as at the 31st day of December and the 30th day of June, respectively, immediately preceding such payments. Each lodge shall pay the said annual dues for such members before the expiration of three weeks from the dates first above mentioned in each year."

This Motion was defeated.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was then adjourned at 5.25 p.m., to reconvene at 8.00 o'clock in the evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6th, 1957

Evening Session

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and Past Grand Masters entered the Grand Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the processional hymn, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell."

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother David Rothstein, called the brethren from Refreshment to Labor at 8.00 o'clock.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION

SECTION 90, ITEM 14, SECOND PARAGRAPH

It was moved by R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), that Section 90, Item 14, shall be further amended by the addition of the following as a second paragraph:

"Section 90, Item 14: For every member not a life member on June 3rd 1943, an Annual Fee of fifty cents to be credited to the Benevolent Endowment Fund. The said fee shall be payable one half thereof on the first day of January and one half thereof on the first day of July in each year, and shall be based on the lodge membership at the 31st day of December and the 30th day of June, respectively, immediately preceding such payments."

This Motion was defeated.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REGULATION 12

It was moved by R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb (25), seconded by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), that Regulation 12 be repealed and the following be substituted therefor:

"12: Fifty-Year Medal and Sixty-Year Bar:

That every brother who had been a member in good standing of any constituent lodge or lodges of this Grand Lodge or of any recognized Grand Lodge for a period of fifty years, of which at least twenty-five years have been as a member of a constituent lodge or lodges of this Grand Lodge, may be awarded a medal of a material and design to be determined by the Board, which shall be suspended from a garter blue ribbon; and for a period of sixty years, of which at least twenty-five years has been a member of any constituent lodge or lodges of this Grand Lodge, he may be awarded a bar of similar material bearing the words "Sixty Years," which shall be affixed to such ribbon."

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REGULATION 14

R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb (25) presented the Notice of Motion which had been submitted as follows: That Regulation 14 be amended by adding the words "during his term of Office" immediately following the word "may" where it appears in the third line thereof and by adding the words "and upon the expiry of his term of Office, if he shall not be re-elected, he may make similar use of the title 'P.B.M.' as an abbreviation for Past Board Member," at the end thereof. The regulation would then read as follows:

"14: That any brother who has received the title of 'Right Worshipful' by reason of his election to the Board of General Purposes may during his term of office, use the title 'B.G.P.' when signing a lodge register, as an abbreviation for 'Board of General Purposes,' and, upon the expiry of his term of office, if he shall not be re-elected, he may make similar use of the title 'P.B.M.' as an abbreviation for 'Past Board Member'."

R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb moved an Amendment to the above Motion deleting the phrase "if he shall not be re-elected," seconded by R.W. A. E. Duff (130), and Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

SECTION 122

Two separate Notices of Motion to amend Section 122 were withdrawn by the Movers.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION

At the request of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies presented W. Bro. G. Paulson (164) at the Grand East, where he was presented with his Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials begs to report as follows:

There are 116 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register. 96 Lodges are represented by one or more of their three Principal Officers, 20 Lodges are unrepresented, namely:

Corinthian No. 15	Acacia No. 111
Treherne No. 51	Roblin No. 122
Napinka No. 77	Patricia No. 125
Hamiota No. 84	Victory No. 128
Rathwell No. 87	Fort Garry No. 130
Shoal Lake No. 92	Sprague No. 132
Hiram No. 94	McCreary No. 133
Robbie Burns No. 100	Harmony No. 142
Miniota No. 102	Fort Osborne No. 144
Reston No. 104	Foxwarren No. 152

108 Lodges have one or more Past Masters present, and 8 have neither Past Master nor Officers present, namely:

Corinthian No. 15	Hiram No. 94	Robbie Burns No. 100
Miniota No. 102	Roblin No. 122	Victory No. 128
Harmony No. 142	Foxwarren No. 152.	

Past Masters	420	
Worshipful Masters	88	
Senior Wardens	54	
Junior Wardens	36	
	—	598
Registered:		
Master Masons		52
Visitors		28
TOTAL		678

Respectfully submitted,

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130), and Carried.

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1	..	15	17
2	Lisgar	1	1	..	6	8
3	Ancient Landmark	1	..	1	10	12
4	St. John's	1	1	1	16	19
6	Emerson	1	1	1	8	11
7	Assiniboine	1	..	..	5	6
8	King Solomon	1	1	..	6	8
10	Northern Light	1	..	..	9	10
11	Gladstone	1	..	1	5	7
12	Stonewall	1	1	..	11	13
13	Morden	1	..	1	2	4
14	Prince of Wales	..	1	..	1	2
15	Corinthian	..	..	..	..	..
19	Brandon	1	..	1	4	6
21	Marquette	1	1	1	2	5
24	Neepawa	1	1	1	4	7
25	Ionic	1	1	..	8	10
27	Glenwood	1	..	..	3	4
29	Carberry	1	..	..	6	7
30	Manitou	1	..	..	2	3
36	Doric	1	..	..	3	4
39	Birtle	..	..	1	2	3
40	Deloraine	1	1	..	..	2
43	Lebanon	1	1	..	4	6
44	Oak Lake	1	1	..	2	4
48	Glenboro	1	1	..	4	6
49	Temple	1	1	1	7	10
50	Killarney	1	1	1	3	6
51	Treherne	..	..	..	4	4
52	Hartney	..	1	..	1	2
54	Oriental	1	..	..	..	1
55	East Star	1	1	..	4	6
62	Russell	1	..	..	2	3
63	Holland	1	1	1	1	4
64	Composite	1	..	..	3	4
67	Wawanesa	1	1	1	4	7
68	Vermillion	1	..	1	1	3
70	Shiloh	1	1	1	7	10
71	Crystal	1	..	1	6	8
74	Elkhorn	1	..	..	..	1
75	Gothic	1	..	..	5	6
77	Napinka	..	..	..	1	1
82	Cypress	..	1	1	..	2
84	Hamiota	..	..	..	1	1
86	Elgin	1	1	..	3	5
87	Rathwell	..	..	..	2	2
90	Midlothian	1	1	1	3	6
92	Shoal Lake	..	..	..	1	1
93	King Edward	1	..	1	5	7
94	Hiram	..	..	..	..	..
100	Robbie Burns	..	..	..	..	..
101	Binscarth	1	..	..	3	4
102	Miniota	..	..	..	..	..
103	Crescent	1	1	1	4	7
104	Reston	..	..	..	2	2
105	Prince Arthur	..	1	..	..	1
106	Strathclair	1	..	..	3	4
107	Lansdowne	1	1	..	1	3
108	Union	1	1	..	2	4

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
109	Swan Lake	1	..	..	4	5
110	Kilwinning	1	1	..	3	5
111	Acacia	..	..	..	11	11
112	Ophir	1	..	..	3	4
113	Tweed	1	1	..	7	9
114	"The Assiniboine"	1	1	1	7	10
115	Rivers	1	..	..	3	4
116	St. Andrew's	1	1	..	..	2
117	Strathcona	1	..	..	3	4
118	Mound	1	..	..	2	3
119	Norwood	1	1	1	6	9
120	Penza	1	..	1	3	5
121	St. James	1	1	1	7	10
122	Roblin	..	..	..	..	..
123	Transcona	1	1	1	9	12
124	The Pas	1	..	..	..	1
125	Patricia	..	..	..	5	5
126	Favel	1	1	..	..	2
127	Empire	1	1	1	11	14
128	Victory	..	..	..	..	..
130	Fort Garry	..	..	..	6	6
131	Kildonan	1	1	..	10	12
132	Sprague	..	..	..	1	1
133	McCreary	..	..	..	1	1
134	Stony Mountain	1	..	1	3	5
136	Capitol	1	1	1	16	19
137	Lord Selkirk	1	1	..	3	5
138	Windsor	1	1	..	8	10
139	Beaver	1	1	..	5	7
140	Meridian	..	1	1	7	9
141	Tuscan	1	1	..	9	11
142	Harmony	..	..	..	..	..
143	Mount Sinai	1	1	1	6	9
144	Fort Osborne	..	..	..	2	2
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	..	..	2	3
146	Fidelity	1	..	..	3	4
147	Jubilee	1	..	..	2	3
148	Seven Oaks	1	..	1	5	7
150	Cartwright	1	..	..	..	1
151	The Dormer	1	..	1	4	6
152	Foxwarren	..	..	..	..	..
153	Flin Flon	1	1	..	1	3
154	Pine Falls	1	..	1	..	2
155	Carman	1	1	..	..	2
156	Manitouwapa	..	..	..	6	6
157	Rice Lake	1	..	..	1	2
158	Fenwick	1	..	..	2	3
159	Newdale	1	1	1	5	8
160	Starbuck	1	1	..	1	3
161	Fort Prince of Wales	1	..	..	..	1
162	Ashlar	1	1	..	1	3
163	Charleswood	1	..	..	1	2
164	Harry Woods	1	..	1	1	3
165	Friendship	..	1	..	3	4
166	Woodworth	1	1	1	1	4
167	Menorah	1	1	..	3	5
168	Wheat City	1	1	..	..	2
	TOTALS	88	54	36	420	598

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN—R.W. BRO. CHAS. R. NEWCOMBE

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

May I thank the brethren of this Grand Lodge for permitting me to serve for a second year as Grand Chaplain. This office grants one the responsibility and privilege of speaking to you all about concerns of paramount importance—spiritual concerns. Any person committed by his calling to the service of the Most High can only count it an honor to be given an opportunity to witness to God's words and works among the children of men.

Mr. Candidate, "who has been well and worthily recommended, regularly proposed, balloted for and accepted in open Lodge," stands "in a state of darkness" at the door of "a convenient room adjoining the Lodge." He is approached by a Past Master, the Secretary, and the Junior Steward, who direct three questions to him. The third question asked of Mr. Candidate is the following:

> "Do you believe that the Supreme Being has revealed His will to man?"

To any candidate the questions put to him are strange. Their high seriousness is usually a great departure from anything he had been anticipating. Yet upon reflection, the strangeness of these questions really lies in something other than their seriousness. The interrogator would seem to have no concern about the nature of the Supreme Being in Whom Mr. Candidate believes other than that He must be a Being Who rewards virtue and punishes vice.

Mr. Candidate's Deity may be some ancient pagan deity brought up to date, some forgotten Baal resuscitated for the sensual and sexual convenience of contemporary man. Surely virtue and vice are variable things, changing with that Person or thing to which a man gives his ultimate loyalty. This point need hardly be argued in a world acquainted with National Socialism and Communism. Even those of us who stand within the Jewish-Christian tradition have frequently viewed our doctrine of God "through a glass darkly," with unhappy results for our theology, our ethics, and ourselves.

Mr. Candidate may believe that the Supreme Being will reveal His will to man. But the character of the revelation will depend upon the nature of the deity.

Why, then, is the Past Master not apparently interested in the person and work of the Supreme Being in Whom Mr. Candidate professes his belief? The Past Master ought to be concerned. The Master ought to be concerned. The Lodge ought to be concerned.

There would appear to be only one explanation. The nature and character of the Supreme Being in Whom Mr. Candidate ought to, and as a Mason must, believe, will be revealed to him in the drama of the ritual. For it is through the ritual, with its actions, its symbols and its soliloquies, that the philosophy—better, the theology—of Masonry is presented. Through definite acts alluded to in the ritual, the nature of the Most High is made manifest. Man's moral principles concerning his life and his position in the scheme of things are derived from and infused into the character of the Deity Who reveals Himself.

What then is the nature of this Supreme Being in Whom Mr. Candidate will be asked to put his trust? The initiate is immediately aware by its location in the Lodge, by allusions to it in the ritual, by the patterning of our whole order upon it, that the V.S.L. will be the determining factor in any consideration of the nature of the Most High. "The V.S.L. is to rule and govern our faith." Bro. Candidate is charged:

> "As a Freemason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the Volume of the Sacred Law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God, to your neighbor and to yourself."

The question now becomes: What is the nature of the God of the V.S.L.? An answer to such an inquiry can be given briefly with difficulty, but an attempt must be made.

The God revealed in the V.S.L. is no abstract deity, no "semi-detached Knower." He does not point out His virtues and attributes. He is a God who lays hold upon men in the crises of their lives. He is a Deity Who is known by what He does. He is "the God Who acts." What does He do? He created the world, called the fathers of Israel and promised them the land of Canaan. After a long sojourn in the land of Egypt, during which Israel had become numerous, the people were enslaved. God delivered them, leading them through a wilderness and bringing them at last to "a land flowing with milk and honey." He was a Lord Who sent rain upon the just and the unjust, Who caused one field to wither and another to prosper, Who controlled the

fate of nations and the purposes of history. He was the Living God.

The God revealed in the V.S.L. is a holy God. As the seraphim sang: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts." The Hebrew word "holy" means "to be separate." God's holiness suggests His transcendence, His otherness, His separation from man. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." God's otherness is never mere remoteness. It is God's moral nature which separates Him from man. The Most High's holiness is always balanced by a profound sense of His nearness. The Psalmist might cry out, "O that I knew where I might find him." But His cry is real only because Israel knew that God was never far away. Another poet expressed this sense of the Almighty's constant presence:

> Whither shall I go from thy spirit,
> And whither from thy presence shall I flee?
> If I ascend to the heavens, thou are there,
> And if I make Sheol my bed, behold thou are there;
> If I bear the wings of dawn
> And dwell in the very end of the sea,
> Even there shall thy hand guide me
> And thy right hand hold me secure.

The God of the V.S.L. is both a Lord Who is afar off and a Lord Who is near at hand.

The God revealed in the V.S.L. is righteous God. "Righteousness belongs to the terminology of relationship." A man is righteous when he fulfills the conditions laid upon him by a relationship. God's righteousness is revealed by carrying out the promises which He made to Israel when the Covenant was cut between them. God displayed His righteousness for His people by establishing justice for them and in preserving them from the destruction which their enemies would visit upon them. Israel was righteous in the eyes of Yahweh when her covenant obligations were uniformly observed throughout all strata of society.

The God revealed in the V.S.L. is a gracious God. It is hard to overemphasize the continual flow of God's unmerited love toward man. The Most High chose Israel not because she was large or because she was mighty, but because He loved her. It was God's pity for the tragic plight of the Hebrews in Egypt which led to their deliverance from bondage. It is difficult to say too much about the importance of the Exodus event. It was there, above all, that God broke into the life of the Hebrew people with purpose, with power, and with saving grace. This was the work of a living and

redeeming God. Our Masonic ritual has captured something of the flavor of this profound event in the S.W. lecture on the tracing board in the Fellowcraft degree. The two pillars were placed at the porchway or entrance of King Solomon's Temple

> "as a memorial to the children of Israel of the miraculous pillars of fire and cloud, which had two wonderful effects—the fire gave light to the Israelites during their escape from Egyptian bondage; while the cloud proved darkness to Pharaoh and his followers, when they attempted to overtake them."

In the days of the settlement of Palestine when the Hebrew people were beset behind and before by a multiplicity of foes, the Most High by His grace raised up judges, like Jephthah, to deliver them.

> "Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites and from the Philistines? The Sidonians also, and the Amelekites, and the Maonites, oppressed you; and you cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand."

The Hebrew king himself was a gift of a gracious God for the salvation of a besieged and beleaguered people.

> "Then Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on his (Saul's) head, and kissed him and said, 'Has not the Lord anointed you to be a prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the Lord and you will save them from the hand of their enemies round about'."

God is gracious.

This is the revelation of God which has come to Bro. Candidate, and because each of us has been Bro. Candidate it ought to have come to all. The relevant question now, Right Worshipful Sir, is what responsibility is laid upon every Mason who is the recipient of such a revelation?

If our revelation of the Supreme Being is to be mediate to us through the Volume of the Sacred Law, our first responsibility must be the serious contemplation of that Volume. How many of us ever take our Bibles out and study them? It is, we think, a good thing to give nodding recognition to God's Word. But that, my brethren, is not going to save our souls! May I again remind you of the words of the charge:

> "As a Freemason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the Volume of the Sacred Law."

The study of Holy Writ is not easy. Its ways are at times rough, its paths winding. But its rewards are great. Your spirit will grow, your charity will increase, your spiritual and moral horizons will widen. Living will cost you more,

but life will have purpose and meaning. Like the prophet of old you will learn:

> "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength:
> they shall mount up on wings as eagles;
> they shall run, and not be weary;
> and they shall walk, and not faint."

In the second place your revelation will lead you into service. In the sixth chapter of Isaiah the prophet is confronted by a vision of the Holy God of Israel. Having been convicted of his sins he experiences the redeeming grace of God. After his iniquity has been taken away and his sin purged, the voice of the Lord sounded out of the silence: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" To the man who has experienced the redeeming love of a gracious God there could only be one answer: "Here am I; send me." Isaiah was sent to no easy task. He was despatched to preach a message of doom to vagrant, vacillating Israel. God encountered man, man responds in obedience and service. The service may be given only after soul searching and inner wrestling with the self, but it is given.

The service which those who have seen a revelation of a righteous and gracious God must give, is redemptive service. It is service that demands that we care for the widow and the orphan and all who have been broken upon the wheel of life. It is not a service demanded by a code of ethics or by social convention. It is service given by those who have been touched by the redemptive love of God, given out of gratitude because God loved them. Such service will never bring reward as the world estimates reward. It will not bring ease or comfort. Such service will rather stretch you upon the wrack of your brother's agony and need. But when the morning comes and the shadows flee away, your brother's happiness will be your happiness. You will be numbered among what the Book of Daniel calls the "saints of the Most High." Through your service men will have been made whole.

The ministry of your love will be exercised under the Fatherhood of God. Brotherhood has meaning only because men are the children of a common Father. Thus in your service to man, your love, while it may have been cultivated within the Craft, must extend to all men regardless of color, creed or country.

The pattern of suffering service of which I am speaking is not something foreign to the Volume of the Sacred Law. May I turn you to the Suffering Servant Song in Isaiah 53:

He was despised and rejected of men;
A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief:
And we hid as it were our faces from him;
He was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:
Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities:
The chastisement of our peace was upon him;
And with his stripes we are healed.

My brethren, in the name of the living, holy, righteous, and gracious God Who has revealed Himself to you in the Volume of the Sacred Law, I urge you to seriously contemplate upon that Volume. Let its message and meaning indwell your soul, purging it of all sloth and selfishness. Then in the name of the God Who loves you with a self-giving and all-giving love seek out thy brother who stands in need and minister unto him without thought of self or hope of reward. Thus shall the Scripture be fulfilled:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

Applause greeted the conclusion of this Address and the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother David Rothstein, thanked the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51) for his inspiring message.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTIONS

The following report was presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who moved that it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), and Carried.

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the election of Officers and eight members of the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER, the name of David Rothstein was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, the name of William Albert Prugh was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, the name of Wesley Douglas Gourlay Runions was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, two names were submitted in nomination, i.e., Edward I. Dow and Abram J. Sawatzky. The number of ballots cast was 591, of which 589 were valid. The necessary quota to elect was 295. Brother Sawatzky received the necessary quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER, the name of John Paterson Mowat was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, the name of Thomas Cyril Jackson was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN, the name of Charles Robert Newcombe was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN, the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, the name of B. Stuart Parker was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN, the name of Harry B. Donnelly was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES for a two-year term, eighteen names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

A. D. Adamson	W. K. Mulock	A. C. Slessor
J. L. Angus	A. A. MacDonald	J. A. Tisdale
W. A. Dalzell	M. E. McKellar	R. G. Turnbull
S. H. Dayton	J. Norquay	W. P. White
J. E. Frazer	N. Rothstein	F. R. Willmott
G. V. Henderson	D. M. Sclanders	Thos. Wilson

The number of ballots cast was 588, of which 585 were valid (3 spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 66. The following named brethren received the necessary quota or an equivalent to elect:

W. A. Dalzell	J. Norquay
S. H. Dayton	N. Rothstein
W. K. Mulock	A. C. Slessor
M. E. McKellar	W. P. White

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the following brethren were elected District Deputy Grand Masters at their District Meetings, as indicated. Their election has been confirmed by the Grand Master elect.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, Donald Herbert MacKay
SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, Svend Sorenson
THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, William Alexander Witherspoon
FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Hugh Crockford Bate
FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Bartlett John Dingwall Ellis
SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Edward Victor Sands
SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Edward Alexander Winkler
EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Frank Stockford
NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Howard John Jenkins
TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Leslie Gordon Barnes
TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, Emanuel M. Finkleman

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) then declared R.W. Brother David Rothstein elected Grand Master for the ensuing year, and R.W. Bro. David Rothstein declared the balance of the Officers of Grand Lodge and the members of the Board of General Purposes to be duly elected.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

The following resolutions of Thanks were moved by R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139), seconded by W. Bro. I. Zipursky (167), and Carried.

To the Corps of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for their colorful and "Canadian" addition to our Sessions—greatly enjoyed by all present.

To R.W. Bro. W. Percy White who so ably played the accompaniment for the musical portions of our Sessions.

To Bro. Flt. Sgt. Piper John Frederick and Bro. Sgt. Piper Murdo MacLeod, R.C.A.F., for their fine accompaniment to the Flags of two friendly Nations.

To the Management and Staff of the Royal Alexandra Hotel for their courteous and co-operative attention to the members and guests of this Grand Lodge.

To all those who have helped in so many ways to make this Communication a success, our sincere and grateful thanks.

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

R.W. Bro. David Rothstein requested M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (113), Grand Installing Master, to assume the gavel.

With the asistance of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4), M.W. Bro. Donovan then installed the Grand Lodge Officers in their respective stations, and the newly-elected members of the Board of General Purposes into Office.

At the conclusion of this very impressive ceremony, the newly installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. David Rothstein, thanked the Grand Installing Officer, M.W. Bro. Donovan, and his assistant, R.W. Bro. Parker, for the very able manner in which this Ceremony had been performed.

PRESENTATIONS

On behalf of Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe (93) presented a Grand Master's Apron to M.W. Bro. Rothstein, and on his own behalf, presented to our M.W. Grand Master an aluminum gavel with the admonition that he use it wisely and well, and the hope that it would ever remind him of this happy occasion.

In a lighter vein, M.W. Bro. H. H. Gray (141) remarked that as the covering on our books of Constitution and Ceremonial was the same color, during his term in Office as Grand Master, when he wanted one book he always seemed to secure the other. To avoid our present Grand Master having the same difficulty, he wished to present to him a special and personal gift, both books bound under one cover. He wished him Supreme Guidance for the ensuing year.

M.W. Bro. David Rothstein thanked both of these M.W. Brethren for their gifts to him, pointing out that as a member of his own Lodge, Tuscan No. 141, M.W. Bro. Gray had been of great help to him during his progress through the various lodge Offices, and he was deeply grateful to M.W. Bro. Blythe (93), as it was during the latter's term as Grand Master, that he had been appointed to his first Office in Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Rothstein hoped he could have an active year as Grand Master—fundamentally he was a Master Mason and hoped by the end of his term he could be considered as having been an active Master Mason —"I am proud to serve you and hope you will be just as proud of me. While the brethren look to the Grand Master for leadership, this is not a one-man show; it is a team effort, a chain—which if one link is broken, the whole Jurisdiction will suffer."

Our new Grand Master remarked he had been elected to his high Office while a comparatively young man, and for the first time in our Jurisdiction a Grand Master had been installed while his father was present. He therefore instructed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to conduct his father, R.W. Bro. Nathan Rothstein (141) to the seat on his immediate left and in the Grand East, that he might feel the impact of the fine upbringing and youthful guidance his father had given to him, during the closing ceremonies.

R.W. Bro. Nathan Rothstein, arriving at the Grand East, obviously filled with pride, affectionately greeted his son and, filled with emotion, wished him a most happy year in Office.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

The newly-Elected and Appointed Officers were then called to the Grand East, where they received from the hands of M.W. Bro. David Rothstein, their Grand Master, the Certificates of Office for the ensuing year.

The District Deputy Grand Masters for the Masonic year 1956-57 were then asked to approach the Grand East, and they received from M.W. Bro. Rothstein their Past Rank Certificates. In making this presentation, the Grand Master urged that they continue their Masonic efforts, not become a "has-been" but to be a "do-er."

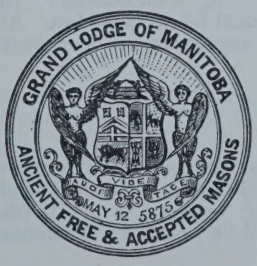
R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8), newly-elected Junior Grand Warden, thanked the brethren for his election, and on behalf of all Elected Officers pledged loyalty and support.

V.W. Bro. W. M. Frame (27), newly-appointed Senior Grand Deacon, on behalf of the Appointed Officers, thanked the Grand Master for their appointment and expressed the hope that they may use their abilities to serve the Craft and him.

CLOSING

The closing hymn, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," was sung by the brethren.

The business of the Eighty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, having been completed, R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51), Grand Chaplain, led the brethren in prayer, and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form, by the Grand Master, M.W. Brother David Rothstein, at 11.30 p.m.



Thos. B. Jackson

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, A.F. & A.M. ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, JUNE 5th and 6th, 1957

The following Sections will now read as follows:

SECTION 2(n)

Greater Winnipeg is the aggregate territory contained within the limits of the following corporations in the Province of Manitoba, namely: The City of Winnipeg, the City of St. Boniface, the City of St. James, the Town of Tuxedo, and the Municipal Corporations of Assiniboia, Brooklands, Charleswood, Fort Garry, Old Kildonan, East Kildonan, North Kildonan, West Kildonan and St. Vital.

SECTION 4—First Paragraph

The Grand Lodge may, in recognition of eminence, ability or service rendered, confer on a member of this or any Sister Jurisdiction, such rank as it may deem appropriate; in the case of a member of this Jurisdiction, notice of motion to confer such rank and distinction shall be sent in writing by the mover to the Grand Secretary not later than the first day of March preceding the Annual Communication, at which such motion is to be proposed, and the notice of motion shall appear in the summons calling the Annual Communication. In the case of a Sister Jurisdiction, notice of motion shall not be necessary. In either case, a two-thirds majority vote of the members present in person shall be necessary.

SECTION 20

A majority vote of the members then present in person, shall be required to pass a motion or resolution at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. A two-thirds vote of the members then present in person shall be necessary to overrule a decision of the Grand Master or presiding Officer. The Grand Deacons and Grand Stewards shall count the votes, unless in the opinion of the presiding Officer counting is unnecessary. In the case of a tie vote, the motion or resolution shall be declared lost. At the request of five members present, a ballot instead of an open vote shall be taken.

SECTION 237

Sixty days' notice of proposed revision or amendments of this Constitution shall be given in writing to the Grand Secretary. He shall send copies to the members of the Board and to the Lodges. A two-thirds vote of the members then present in person shall be necessary to change any provision of this Constitution.

REGULATION 12—FIFTY-YEAR MEDAL AND SIXTY-YEAR BAR

The Board recommends that every brother who has been a member in good standing of any constituent lodge or lodges of this Grand Lodge or of any recognized Grand Lodge for a period of fifty years, of which at least twenty-five years have been as a member of a constituent lodge or lodges of this Grand Lodge, may be awarded a medal of a material and design to be determined by the Board, which shall be suspended from a garter blue ribbon; and for a period of sixty years, of which at least twenty-five years have been as a member of any constituent lodge or lodges of this Grand Lodge, he may be awarded a bar of similar material bearing the words "Sixty Years," which shall be affixed to such ribbon.

REGULATION 14

Any brother who has received the title of "Right Worshipful" by reason of his election to the Board of General Purposes may, during his term of office, use the title "B.G.P." when signing a lodge register, as an abbreviation for "Board of General Purposes," and upon the expiry of his term of office, he may make use of the title "P.B.M." as an abbreviation for "Past Board Member."

FORM OF BEQUEST FOR THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

The following form of Bequest may be used by any Brother desiring to bequeath any sum for the benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of Grand Lodge:

"I, give unto my Executor or Executors the sum of ..... ($.....) upon trust to pay the same to the Grand Secretary for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, for the purposes and benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the said Grand Lodge, and I declare that the receipt for such sum of the said Grand Secretary shall be an absolute discharge for such payment.

.....Signed."

The Lodge Secretary will bring this to the attention of the brethren either at the Lodge Meeting or in the Monthly Notice.

BEQUESTS MADE TO THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, A.F. & A.M.

To date, the following bequests made by members of the Craft have been received by the Benevolent Endowment Fund:

1952—Estate of the late Bro. Alex. Moad.....	$ 45.00
1952—Estate of the late W.Bro. Andrew Brown....	$18,751.63
1953—Estate of the late W.Bro. Andrew Brown....	729.17
1953—Estate of the late Bro. Wm. Boyd.....	500.00
	$20,025.80

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

Brethren are reminded of the facilities offered by the Grand Lodge Library for increasing their Masonic Knowledge. Travelling sets of books, specially arranged for the use of country Lodges, are available, and individual country members can have books posted to them.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Grand Librarian, Masonic Temple, Winnipeg 2, Manitoba.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1957-1958

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. David Rothstein (141)	Winnipeg
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)	Brandon
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions (130)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8)	Morris
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat (139)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. T. C. Jackson (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe (51)	St. Vital
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G.D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. B. S. Parker (4)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)	St. Vital
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. W. M. Frame (27)	Souris
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. H. Bookhalter (167)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. S. Oliver (2)	Selkirk
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. H. Rhodes (139)	Winnipeg
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. M. M. McElheran (1)	Winnipeg
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. E. L. Barr (141)	Winnipeg
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. W. W. Downie (19)	Brandon

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1st Masonic District	R.W. Bro. D. H. MacKay (111)	Winnipeg
2nd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. S. Sorenson (11)	Gladstone
3rd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. A. Witherspoon (48)	Glenboro
4th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. C. Bate (50)	Killarney
5th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. B. J. D. Ellis (115)	Rivers
6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. E. V. Sands (110)	Heaslip
7th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. E. A. Winkler (43)	Harmsworth
8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. F. Stockford (90)	Altamont
9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. J. Jenkins (147)	Bowsman
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. L. G. Barnes (131)	East Kildonan
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. E. M. Finkleman (143)	Winnipeg

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M.W. Bro. J. R. C. Evans (113), Past Grand Master.....Brandon
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R.W. Bro. R. W. Campbell (10) ..... Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. W. J. McGregor (11) ..... Gladstone
R.W. Bro. B. R. Webb (25) ..... Fort Garry
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R.W. Bro. H. S. Perdue (113) ..... Brandon
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R.W. Bro. John Norquay (2) ..... East Kildonan
R.W. Bro. W. Percy White (4) ..... East Kildonan
R.W. Bro. W. A. Dalzell (7) ..... Portage la Prairie
R.W. Bro. A. C. Slessor (111) ..... Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. N. Rothstein (141) ..... Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton (159) ..... Newdale
R.W. Bro. M. E. McKellar (168) ..... Nesbitt

For a One-Year Term

To complete the term of R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, elected Junior Grand Warden

R.W. Bro. A. A. MacDonald (4) ..... Fort Garry

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The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary are, ex Officio, members of all Committees.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

It is my privilege, pleasure, and honor, to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District for the term 1956 and 1957.

Immediately following the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, a meeting of all newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters was held in the Masonic Temple at which our Grand Master, the late M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, and our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Rothstein, were present. The meeting was well worth while. We had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the District Deputy Grand Masters from the other Masonic Districts and we received a splendid briefing on our duties and responsibilities as District Deputy Grand Masters.

During the year our beloved Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, passed to the Grand Lodge above.

"He is not dead, he has passed beyond the mists that blind us here
Into a new and nobler life of that serener sphere.

And ever near us, though unseen, his dear immortal spirit treads;
For all the boundless Universe is life, there are no dead."

And so the kindly word, the genial personality, the good works, the friendly spirit of our departed Grand Master lives on.

At the first meeting of the First Masonic District, W. Bro. Don MacKay was elected treasurer, V.W. Bro. Wilson Rattray accepted the appointment of secretary and Bro. Des Kobold as Chaplain. R.W. Bro. Basil Webb, Immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master, graciously accepted an invitation to join with the District Officers and to give them the benefit of his outstanding Masonic knowledge and experience. To each of them I express my sincere appreciation for their support and encouragement. On all the official visits a large number of Brethren accompanied me. To them I express my heart-felt thanks. They were a source of inspiration and encouragement.

The official visits were as follows:

1956

Tuesday, Sept. 4th	"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114
Wednesday, Sept. 12th	St. James Lodge No. 121
Thursday, Sept. 20th	Northern Light Lodge No. 10
Wednesday, Oct. 3rd	St. John's Lodge No. 4
Monday, Oct. 15th	Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3
Thursday, Nov. 1st	Friendship Lodge No. 165
Thursday, Nov. 8th	Norwood Lodge No. 119
Monday, Nov. 12th	Empire Lodge No. 127
Wednesday, Nov. 21st	King Edward Lodge No. 93

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Tuesday, Jan. 8th	Ashlar Lodge No. 162
Tuesday, Jan. 15th	Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1
Monday, Feb. 4th	Ionic Lodge No. 25
Wednesday, Feb. 13th	Acacia Lodge No. 111

One official visit was outstanding. On February 4th I officially visited Ionic Lodge. I invited all Past District Deputy Grand Masters to accompany me and a goodly number accepted the invitation. After the business of the Lodge was completed the Master, W. Bro. Christie, turned the Lodge over to R.W. Bro. Harvey Waters, who requested the Past District Deputy Grand Masters to occupy the Chairs. He then gave a short but most interesting talk on the history of the First Masonic District, after which the Lodge was closed by Past District Deputy Grand Masters. It was an innovation and was very well received. My special thanks and appreciation to R.W. Bro. Harvey Waters for his time and work in connection with this Masonic event.

On all the official visits I was received in proper form, given a sincere welcome, and every courtesy was extended to me as the representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master. It was most gratifying to note the complete loyalty of all the Lodges in the District to the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, and to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Degree Work is a problem. To my mind it takes up too much time, to the exclusion of other important aspects of Masonic well being. However, the Masters and Wardens are meeting the problem in a very creditable manner. With few exceptions all the officers of the various Lodges are taking their duties and responsibilities earnestly and with a sincere desire to perform them in accordance with the best Masonic traditions.

The work of the Committees of Enquiry should in some cases be more thoroughly performed. We must guard our portals that our secrets and mysteries be given to worthy applicants. Applicants who will contribute something to Masonry and who will earnestly and honestly try to exemplify our Masonic teachings and truths in their daily private and public lives. The Committees of Enquiry should consider Directive Eight of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba carefully and thoughtfully.

On my official visitations I stressed harmony, friendliness, sympathetic understanding and goodwill and I believe I met with a considerable degree of success. I think it worthwhile to repeat here an article from *Masonry in Manitoba* entitled "Something You Can Do."

"We ought, as Masons, to make a resolution that we will give to this world of ours, and to our fellow Masons especially, some Masonic cheer and sociability. They used to say, before the North Pole was discovered, it would probably be found in some church, the idea being that it was so cold in some churches that here would be the most natural place to expect to find the North Pole. I have sometimes thought that if it were not found in a church it might be found in some Lodge room, because there are some Lodge rooms where the atmosphere is so chilly that it is almost like the North or South Pole.

"Wouldn't it be a splendid thing if every Lodge should make up its mind to radiate hospitality, good fellowship and goodwill? If there is anything more depressing than another to the young man who enters Masonry it is when, filled with enthusiasm, his soul stirred by his Masonic experiences, he comes into the Lodge room and sits down, and nobody pays the least attention to him."

"True friendship knows no creed, no hate,
No jealousy nor spite,
But cherishes each noble trait
That makes us live aright.
The happiest business on the street
Is that of making friends,
And no investment anywhere
Pays bigger dividends."

I am inclined to think that we place too much stress on the importance of the Lodge as a Lodge and not enough importance on the individuals who make up the Lodge. Let us stress the importance and the dignity of each member. It necessarily follows that our whole Masonic structure takes on added grandeur.

R.W. Bro. Basil Webb recently gave a talk at "The Assiniboine" Lodge on "Should Masonry be Stream-Lined." I offer the suggestion that it might be advantageous for a Committee to be struck off to consider the subject from all angles. Also serious consideration might be given to having another worthwhile Masonic objective such as, for instance, the Brotherhood Fund of the Grand Lodge of New York, or possibly chairs for paraplegics or a project such as "The J. V. Dillabough Scholarship Fund" in Norwood Lodge. Do we not spend too much time and money on ourselves? Should Masonry not be more specifically identified with worthwhile community enterprises?

During my term of office I have visited the various Lodges to witness the Degree work and I am happy to report that the Degrees were conferred in an earnest, sincere manner. A high standard was maintained throughout with only a few very minor mistakes.

The District Meeting was held at the Masonic Temple on January 30th, 1957, with the Masters of 1956 filling the various Chairs. R.W. Bro. Rothstein, our Deputy Grand Master, and his suite were received with grand honors, and our Deputy Grand Master welcomed at the Altar. Later he gave a most interesting and thought-provoking talk. The election for District Deputy Grand Master resulted in the election of W. Bro. Don MacKay, subject to confirmation by the Grand Master. R.W. Bro. Basil Webb was presented with the regalia and jewel of a Past District Deputy Grand Master by M.W. Bro. Emmett. V.W. Bro. Wilson Rattray gave a resumé of the Lodge Reports. The Chaplain offered a short prayer and the meeting closed in harmony and goodwill to all.

With Mrs. Heaney I was privileged to attend a number of outstanding social evenings. I strongly recommend these events, they are well worth while.

Divine Service was held in St. Andrew's River Heights United Church. Our Deputy Grand Master and a number of Grand Lodge officers, together with a very large number of Brethren attended. It was indeed a thrill and an inspiration for me to read the lesson on such a lovely Sunday morning, in such a lovely Church, and before such a distinguished gathering.

"Give us strength, O God, for the tasks today,
New hopes to guide us on our way;
New paths to fill our heart with zest,
As we pursue life's noble quest.
Give us new paths along life's winding stream,
New courage for our days to be;
Above all else, continued faith in Thee."

To serve as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District is high privilege and honor. It has given me an entirely new concept of Masonry. To each and every member of the First Masonic District who have been so kind and thoughtful throughout the year, my sincere thanks.

"Look backward with thankfulness;
Look upward with faith;
Look forward with hope."

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,
E. J. HEANEY,
D.D.G.M. First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

I am pleased to submit herewith, for your consideration and approval, my report on the activities of the Second Masonic District for the 1956-57 term.

During the first six months of my term of office I had the honor of serving under the guidance and leadership of the late Most Worshipful Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James Ferguson Irwin of Neepawa. His untimely death on December 15th was keenly felt in all Masonic circles throughout the jurisdiction of Manitoba.

In the capacity of D.D.G.M. my first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Arthur Johnston as District Secretary, and W. Bro. Douglas McIntyre as District Chaplain. Both these brethren served most faithfully during my term of office.

The latter part of June, I called a meeting of all the officers of the Second Masonic District to plan the year's activities, including our District Meeting, which was held in Austin on October 3rd.

This District Meeting was well attended and representative of the entire Second Masonic District. The afternoon meeting was held in the Lodge Room, the banquet at 6.00 p.m., in the Austin Community Hall, and was followed by the evening session which proved very enlightening as well as entertaining. The highlight of the evening was a most inspiring address by the late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James Ferguson Irwin. Other addresses were equally informative and fruitful. The total attendance was 145.

I visited all Lodges officially as follows:

Gothic Lodge No. 75	October 10th
Assiniboine Lodge No. 7	October 15th
Carberry Lodge No. 29	October 16th
Union Lodge No. 108	October 18th
Marquette Lodge No. 21	October 22nd
Gladstone Lodge No. 11	November 12th
Neepawa Lodge No. 24	November 13th
McCreary Lodge No. 133	November 14th
Temple Lodge No. 49	November 20th
St. Andrew's Lodge No. 116	December 3rd

Since the date of my last official visit I have again visited all of the above Lodges but two and expect to complete these visits before expiration of my term of office.

As I visited the various Lodges, degrees were conferred with a remarkable degree of uniformity and efficiency. I found all Lodges appeared to be in good standing financially and were dominated by a large measure of goodwill and harmony. All presiding officers seemed to have a good understanding of their various positions and carried out their duties in a highly commendable manner.

During the first part of my term I visited Neepawa Lodge No. 24, home of the late Grand Master. On this occasion Neepawa Lodge honored him with the presentation of a handsome set of luggage testifying to the esteem in which he was held.

I was also present at the laying of the cornerstone of Portage la Prairie Collegiate where he acted in an official capacity. From this time on his health gradually declined and on December 15th he passed on to the Grand Lodge Above. I attended the funeral in Neepawa on December 18th where a very large representation of the Masons of Manitoba paid final tribute to a man who, in spite of failing health, had not spared himself but to the last had devoted his energy and loyalty to the welfare of the Craft.

During the remainder of my term I attended three of the Board of General Purposes meetings. I also visited with Grand Lodge officers to Friendship Lodge No. 165 at Fort Garry, to Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3 and the Area meeting at Holland.

I was present at the regular meeting of Neepawa Lodge No. 24 on Tuesday, May 14th, when this Lodge was honored by a visit from the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. David Rothstein and suite. Following the completion of the regular business of the Lodge which was conducted most efficiently by the Worshipful Master and his Officers, we were privileged to hear a most inspiring eulogy and address when R.W. Bro. Rothstein unveiled and dedicated a likeness of our late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin. The applause which greeted our Deputy Grand Master at the close of the ceremony testified to the impression the eulogy had made on the large number of brethren present.

One other highlight of this fine meeting was a presentation made by R.W. Bro. Rothstein, Deputy Grand Master, of a Fifty Year Jewel from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to W. Bro. W. H. Dalton, in recognition of over half a century of association with the Masonic Order in Neepawa.

On May 5th we held a most successful District Divine Service at Austin United Church when Rev. W. Harland delivered a very impressive sermon. Over sixty members representing eight Lodges attended.

Divine Service is to be held at Portage la Prairie United Church for the entire Jurisdiction on May 19th, 1957.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of this District for electing me to this high office and the late Grand Master for confirming that election. I would also like to thank the District Secretary for faithful service rendered and Grand Lodge for all assistance afforded me during my term as D.D.G.M.

It has been to me a most inspiring and profitable experience and I would like to extend my very best wishes to my successor.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. R. HAY,

D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor, to submit for your consideration a report of my activities as your representative in the Third Masonic District during the 1956-1957 term.

Immediately after the Grand Lodge Communication, the Annual District Divine Service was held in the United Church at Treherne on June 17th, when a large number of brethren enjoyed an inspiring address by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. C. R. Newcombe.

After appointing W. Bro. P. E. Dupasquier as District Secretary, we called a District Committee Meeting at Treherne on June 28th, 1956, at which time the District Officers were selected and all arrangements were made for the District Meeting. Brother Lynch of Belmont was selected as District Chaplain.

The official visits were made on the following dates:

Strathcona Lodge No. 117	June 26th, 1956
Swan Lake Lodge No. 109	Aug. 1st, 1956
Crescent Lodge No. 103	Oct. 3rd, 1956
Starbuck Lodge No. 160	Oct. 8th, 1956
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	Oct. 9th, 1956
Wawanesa Lodge No. 67	Oct. 15th, 1956
Cypress Lodge No. 82	Oct. 22nd, 1956
Rathwell Lodge No. 87	Nov. 13th, 1956
Holland Lodge No. 63	Nov. 14th, 1956
Treherne Lodge No. 51	Jan. 11th, 1957

Having been blessed with an exceptionally good winter for travelling, in addition to the above I have visited all Lodges on one or more subsequent occasions, and have had the opportunity of seeing Degrees conferred in every Lodge in the District. In all cases the Officers exemplified the work in a manner which must have impressed the candidates very deeply.

I had the pleasure of attending the Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge which was held in the Masonic Temple at Portage la Prairie, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the new Portage Collegiate by the late Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin and his Officers.

It was also my good fortune to be able to attend most of the meetings of the Board of General Purposes from which I formed a better understanding of its workings and functions.

Our District Meeting was held at Treherne on October 12th, 1956, and although not quite as largely attended as in recent years, due to harvest being late, a very interesting and profitable meeting was held and I have heard a great many members in the District comment very favorably on the question and answer period and especially on the man to man talk given by our late Grand Master M.W. Bro. Irwin.

I had the honor of presenting on behalf of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Fifty Year Jewels to three grand old brethren, who have served their Lodges, their District and Freemasonry long and well.

On June 22nd, 1956, at the regular meeting of Treherne Lodge No. 51 Bro. James H. Smith, a life-long personal friend, received his Fifty Year Jewel.

On January 22nd, 1957, at the regular meeting of Strathcona Lodge No. 117 I presented a Fifty Year Jewel to W. Bro. J. W. Briscoe, which W. Bro. W. A. Briscoe pinned on his father.

On February 13th, 1957, at the regular meeting of Holland Lodge No. 63, R.W. Bro. J. A. Sundell assisted in the presentation of a Fifty Year Jewel to W. Bro. Cassils Maxwell.

These very pleasant and happy occasions were somewhat saddened, when a few weeks later W. Bro. J. W. Briscoe was called to the Grand Lodge Above.

I had the pleasure of being present at the first meeting which Holland Lodge No. 63 held in ther new Home on November 14th, 1956, and on January 14th, 1957, I had the privilege of being present when Starbuck Lodge No. 160 held their first meeting in their new Home. Both of these buildings reflect great credit on the members of the Lodges concerned and will be a distinct asset, not only to them, but to the third Masonic District as well.

In closing may I express sincere thanks to the brethren of the Third Masonic District for nominating me for the office of the District Deputy Grand Master and for their unfailing courtesy and many acts of kindness to me on my visits to their Lodges.

My thanks are also due to our late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin for confirming my appointment and although we all wish he might have been spared to see the completion of his term as Grand Master, we realize that the Most High had more important plans laid out for him on His tracing board.

I have had the counsel and support of all Past District Deputy Grand Masters in the District, which I gratefully acknowledge, with particular reference to R.W. Bros. Litz and Sundell. Thanks are also due to W. Bro. Witherspoon, District Deputy Grand Master elect and to W. Bro. A. Couch for their assistance.

Particular thanks must go to W. Bro. Dupasquier who, as District Secretary, carried a large share of the load and made my duties considerably easier.

To the brethren of my own Lodge who accompanied me on my visits or assisted in any way in the affairs of the District I am deeply grateful.

Finally, this has been a busy year, some problems, true, but a lot of pleasant duties, answers to be found, always something new to learn and therefore profitable, and if in the performance of my duties, I have been able to pass anything on to the District, I will feel that something has been accomplished.

J. G. WIECHMAN,
D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report as D.D.G.M. for the Fourth Masonic District.

I first wish to say thank you to those brethren who were responsible for nominating and electing me to this Office. Immediately following my installation, I appointed W.Bro. Don McPhail, P.M. of Doric Lodge No. 36, as District Secretary, and W.Bro. C. A. McKenzie, also of Doric Lodge as District Chaplain.

The first meeting held was a meeting with the principal officers, Past Masters, and Secretaries of each Lodge in the District. This was held at Pilot Mound, which is situated about the centre of the district. The meeting was very well attended and I consider it one of the most beneficial meetings held. It gave those who attended an excellent opportunity to

talk over the forthcoming year's work, to review ritualistic work, particularly with regard to degree work, which should be, and is, becoming more uniform throughout the whole District. The improvement in this regard was quite noticeable in meetings that I attended later during the year. I would like to stress the importance of the continuance of these meetings as a great contribution to better and more uniform opening and closing of Lodges and of degree work.

The following is a list of the dates of my official meetings:

Crystal Lodge No. 71	September 11th, 1956
Cartwright Lodge No. 150	October 16th, 1956
Mound Lodge No. 118	October 25th, 1956
Doric Lodge No. 36	November 27th, 1956
Manitou Lodge No. 30	December 5th, 1956
Morden Lodge No. 13	December 20th, 1956
Killarney Lodge No. 50	February 18th, 1957

I was well received and cordially welcomed at all meetings. I visited several of the Lodges a second time. I also attended the meeting at the International Peace Garden, and International Night at Morden Lodge.

There are seven lodges in the Fourth Masonic District, and all my official meetings were very well attended. A keen interest is being taken in Masonic work throughout the District. There is always a percentage of resident members who do not attend, but in checking the registers, a very good report on the attendance of the officers has been made. In my addresses at the official visits, I stressed the importance of creating interest in our meetings for the new and younger members. This is necessary if we are going to obtain the attendance we desire.

Our District meeting was held in Boissevain on October 4th with a very good representation from the different lodges, but not a large enough attendance of Junior Officers and Master Masons. All Secretaries were present and gave good reports. Nominations were made for the office of D.D.G.M. for the coming year; namely W.Bro. George S. Mutch, and W.Bro. H. C. Bate. An election followed, and W.Bro. Bate was elected to office, subject to the confirmation of the incoming Grand Master. R.W. Bro. Fulford was presented with the Past D.D.G.M. apron by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett. A very interesting part of the meeting was an address given by our late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. F. Irwin.

In his address the Grand Master advised us to make full and proper use of each day and to improve ourselves by way of service to others. The Grand Master pointed out that we should be careful in choosing members to fill offices for the coming year and elect those who would promote the good of the lodge. It was a grand address to listen to and will long be remembered by those who were present.

It was with deep regret and feeling that we learned on December 15th that our beloved Grand Master had passed on to the Grand Lodge above, ending an earthly career in which he gave so much of his life to Freemasonry. I consider it a great privilege to have had the wonderful experience of having been associated in Grand Lodge work with M.W. Bro. Ferguson Irwin, and this experience will live in the memory, I am sure, of all others who have been associated with so grand a Freemason as our deceased Grand Master.

In concluding my report, I would like to take the opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Grand Lodge officers for their assistance given me during my term of office. I am deeply grateful for the assistance I have received. My thanks to our District Secretary, W.Bro. Don McPhail, who was a great help to me in my work, and to W.Bro. C. A. McKenzie and others who also accompanied me on a number of my visits.

The past year has been a very busy one for me. I hope that I have contributed at least something to the Fourth Masonic District and to Freemasonry in general, as I feel that in my forty-two years in Freemasonry the past year has been the greatest experience I have had. I extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all who have helped me, and my best wishes to forward to my successor, that he may receive the same good support and devotion that I have received.

H. READY,
D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

I beg to submit my report for the Fifth Masonic District for the Grand Lodge year 1956-57.

W. Bro. F. Tarrant of Foxwarren Lodge No. 152 was appointed District Chaplain and R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton of Newdale Lodge 159 was appointed District Secretary.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the District Meeting held at the time of the Annual Communication in Winnipeg a Basket Picnic for the brethren of the District, their wives and families was held at the Narrows at Shoal Lake. At the same time a meeting of the principal officers and other brethren of the Lodges was held in the Shoal Lake Lodge room. Due to inclement weather the picnic was not a success. However 26 brethren met in the Shoal Lake Lodge room and were honored by the presence of our late Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ferguson Irwin.

The discussion at the meeting was quite lively; the following Resolutions were passed: (1) "To secure uniformity in the statistical reports it is recommended that for this purpose only brethren residing within the actual jurisdiction of the Lodge be considered resident members." (2) "Resolved that 'Consideration of our next meeting' is a valuable Order of Business and should be adopted by all Lodges as a regular Order of Business." (3) "Resolved that the Inter-Lodge Speaker Program is a valuable District activity and should be continued." The meeting closed with a very interesting address by the late M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin. I would recommend that this gathering of the brethren of the District, their wives, families and friends be made an annual event

The District Meeting of the Fifth Masonic District was held in the Parish Hall at Birtle, Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, with an attendance of 100, all Lodges in the District were represented. The Grand Lodge officers present were: M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, G.M.; M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, I.P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. A. Prugh, S.G.W.; M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson, G.S.; V.W. Bro. D. Lawson.

A number of D.D.G.Ms were present from other Districts. The Secretaries of the District Lodges gave reports of the activities of their Lodges for the past year.

M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson gave a very informative address on the work of the various Grand Lodge Committees.

At the call from Labor to Refreshment a banquet was held in the town Hall. This was served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star. A very enjoyable hour was spent, several eloquent Toasts and Responses concluded this part of the program and at 7.45 p.m. the brethren answered the call from Refreshment to Labor.

After the reception of the Grand Master and Suite the Regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. was presented to R.W. Bro. W. N. Thompson by M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett in an eloquent manner.

As there were no other nominations, W. Bro. J. D. B. Ellis of Rivers Lodge No. 115 was declared D.D.G.M.-elect for the Grand Lodge year 1957-58, subject to the confirmation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The highlight of the evening session was the address by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin.

Official visits were made to the lodges of the District as follows:

Miniota No. 102	July 26th, 1956
Newdale No. 159	Aug. 2nd, 1956
Woodworth No. 166	Aug. 8th, 1956
Birtle No. 39	Aug. 13th, 1956
Harmony No. 142	Aug. 16th, 1956
Prince of Wales No. 14	Oct. 14th, 1956
Strathclair No. 106	Oct. 16th, 1956
Binscarth No. 101	Oct. 15th, 1956
Hamiota No. 84	Oct. 23rd, 1956
Rivers No. 115	Oct. 29th, 1956
Shoal Lake No. 92	Nov. 8th, 1956
Russell No. 62	Nov. 13th, 1956
Corinthian No. 15	Nov. 16th, 1956
Foxwarren No. 152	Dec. 7th, 1956

On each visit I was properly received and cordially welcomed.

I have found most of the work satisfactory, have visited most of the Lodges the second time and witnessed degree work on each occasion which was exceptionally well done.

I gave a twenty minute talk on Freemasonry at each lodge.

I was pleased to attend the 50th Anniversary of Strathclair Lodge. Grand Lodge officers present were the Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin and V.W. Bro. Delmar Lawson.

In common with many Freemasons of the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba and others beyond, we regretfully attended the funeral of our beloved Grand Master. We in the Fifth Masonic District well knew and loved "Fergie," as he liked best to be known, and feel his loss as that of a personal friend as well as a worthy leader in the Craft.

Owing to the illness of our Grand Master and by request of the Grand Secretary I presented a Fifty Year Jewel to W.Bro. T. Sauder of Birtle Lodge No. 39.

It was my privilege to be present at the opening of the new Masonic Temple of Corinthian Lodge No. 15 at Rapid City, which is a great credit to the brethren of Corinthian Lodge and the Fifth Masonic District.

The Inter-Lodge Speaking Program has been a great benefit in promoting better attendance and interest and should be continued for the benefit of the District.

And finally to the Grand Lodge officers for their help and guidance at all times, to the District officers for their services during the year, to the brethren of the Fifth Masonic District for electing me to this high

office my sincere thanks. And a special thank you to R.W. Bro. S. H. Dayton, District Secretary, for his help and guidance during my year in office.

If I have in some small way advanced the cause of Freemasonry during the past year I will be amply rewarded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours,

T. E. DORAN,
D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval, my report as D.D.G.M. of the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1956-1957.

Immediately following my election, I appointed W. Bro. W. M. Frame as District Secretary, and W. Bro. W. P. Groves as District Chaplain. I sincerely thank each of these brethren as well as R.W. Bro. T. A. Reid, Immediate Past D.D.G.M., for the most efficient way in which they performed their duties.

In early July, I called a meeting of all Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Secretaries, to meet in Glenwood Lodge, for the purpose of discussing the welfare of our District, our District Meeting, and to give all principal officers an opportunity to get better acquainted.

Our District Meeting was held in Souris on October 18th, 1956. The attendance at this meeting was really outstanding.

The afternoon session got under way with Bro. Forrest Brandon's address of welcome, followed with reports from each Lodge by its respective Secretary. We were also privileged to hear the comments of the Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson. An address by R.W. Bro. Prugh, Senior Grand Warden, was also interesting and enjoyed by the brethren. The afternoon session of the District Meeting was highlighted by a question and answer period conducted by R.W. Bro. David Rothstein, D.G.M.

The Souris Chapter No. 26, O.E.S., capably catered to our banquet at 6 p.m.

Lodge reopened at 8 p.m., and again a good attendance was sincerely appreciated. W. Bro. Ed Sands of Kilwinning Lodge No. 110 at Minto, was chosen as my successor as D.D.G.M. for the year 1957-1958. I sincerely wish W. Bro. Sands every success in his year of office.

The address delivered by the late M.W. Bro. Ferguson Irwin, "He's Not Heavy Mister, He's My Brother," will, I am sure, always live in the hearts of every brother who attended the District Meeting at Souris in Glenwood Lodge No. 27.

The death of M.W. Bro. Irwin in December 1956 was a sad shock to all brethren everywhere. Although his term was short, he left a definite mark as Grand Master, before passing on to a higher brotherhood above.

I completed an official visit to each Lodge in the Sixth Masonic District in the fall of 1956.

Oriental Lodge No. 54, Melita.....October 23, 1956
Glenwood Lodge No. 27, Souris.....October 26, 1956
Hartney Lodge No. 52, Hartney.....November 6, 1956
Reston Lodge No. 104, Reston.....November 8, 1956
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110, Minto.....November 12, 1956
Elgin Lodge No. 86, Elgin.....November 13, 1956
Deloraine Lodge No. 40, Deloraine.....November 21, 1956
Napinka Lodge No. 77, Napinka.....December 5, 1956

I was received at each Lodge with all sincerity and dignity befitting my position as your representative. A good representation of brethren accompanied me on most of my official visits. They were most loyal, and I appreciated their company and brotherly support more than I could possibly express. I submitted to you earlier a complete report of each visit on Form 21. Although I did not see degree work exemplified in all Lodges, what I did see was beautifully done. The general work in each was excellent. Generally speaking, the condition of Freemasonry in the Sixth Masonic District is most gratifying, and, without exception, a very fine spirit of harmony prevails. At each of my visits I urged inter-Lodge visitations. Where the attendance was not too regular, I encouraged the brethren to invite a brother from another Lodge to prepare a paper, and so in this manner encourage the exchange of visits.

We at Souris, were privileged to have R.W. Bro. Harold Ready, D.D.G.M. of the Fourth Masonic District, deliver a fine address at our regular meeting on April 26. I am happy to be invited to visit his home lodge, Doric in Boissevain on May 28.

It has been a pleasure and privilege, Right Worshipful Sir, to have represented you in the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1956-1957.

Sincerely and fraternally,
J. HILTON TURNER,
D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

Herewith I respectfully submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1956-57.

First may I say how grieved the Brethren of this district were to hear of the passing of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin. His passing during his term of office was a severe loss to the whole Craft, as his kindness and understanding had endeared him to us all. The brethren of this District also regret the passing to the Grand Lodge above of V.W. Bro. R. H. Cross, who was a valued friend and brother to many of us in this district.

One of my first duties after assuming office was to appoint W.Bro. W. G. Frazer (Fenwick Lodge No. 158) to be District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. J. T. Horricks (Tweed Lodge No. 113), District Chaplain, both of whom carried out their duties well and worthily.

On August 16 we held our organization meeting in Oak Lake Masonic Hall, due to a violent hail storm in the district the attendance was poor, nevertheless arrangements were made for the Annual District Meeting. On June 9th my wife and I attended Ladies' Night for members of Tweed Lodge, their wives and lady friends. This was a delightful occasion, as was a similar one we attended for wives and friends of the members of Wheat City Lodge.

I was not able to accompany the late Grand Master on as many occasions as I would have liked to, but I was able to accompany him and other Grand Lodge officers to the Consecration and Constitution of Wheat City Lodge No. 168. I was also able to attend District meetings at Boissevain and Souris, on both occasions the Grand Master delivered inspiring and thought provoking addresses.

The annual meeting of the Seventh Masonic District was held in the Masonic Temple, Brandon, on October 10th, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The afternoon attendance was poor, but those who were there heard the reports of the secretaries of the constituent lodges, followed by some very interesting comments and advice to the various officers of the lodges by M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson, our Grand Secretary. This was followed by a question and answer period, and as you know Right Worshipful Sir, it proved exceedingly interesting, and much good was derived from it. These question and answer periods appear to be gaining in popularity all the time, the limiting factor being the time at the disposal of the meeting for this purpose.

The evening meeting was better attended after a splendid supper prepared by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star. The late Grand Master and his suite were received in due and ample form, and accorded grand honors. On this occasion the Grand Master presented Bro. W. Beer, and Bro. W. Cochrane, members of Brandon Lodge No. 19, with Fifty Year jewels, after which he gave a splendid address, urging the brethren to be true to their ideals, their church, to God, and to themselves.

It was also my duty and pleasure at this time to declare W. Bro. E. A. Winkler, Lebanon Lodge No. 43, elected by acclamation to the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1957-58, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master.

I am pleased to say that I was able to pay an official visit to each of the lodges in my district, in all cases I was accompanied by the District Secretary and other distinguished brethren. We were always greeted most cordially and with honors due my office. I found the affairs of the lodges well taken care of, the officers endeavouring to perform their duties with sincerity and dignity. Before my term of office expires I hope to have been able to visit each lodge a second time, and so to have seen a degree conferred in all the lodges except one.

Freemasonry in the Seventh Masonic District appears to be progressing but, looking at the statistical report I see the average attendance is down from 24 to 18 per meeting, I think there is an improvement for the first few months of 1957. Financially the lodges are better off than last year, and I believe Freemasonry through its members continues to be an influence for good in the community.

The past twelve months have been very pleasant ones for me, and may I take this opportunity of saying what a privilege it has been for me to serve my brethren of the Seventh Masonic district in this manner. If my term of office has had some measure of success it is because of the efforts of the many brethren who have encouraged me and supported me. My special thanks to W. Bro. W. J. Frazer for his untiring efforts and outstand-

ing services throughout the year, and to the Grand Lodge officers who have helped to make this year a memorable one for me.

Finally, Right Worshipful Sir, may I, on behalf of the Brethren of this District, wish you every success and a happy year as Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

P. HAMMONDS,

D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

It has indeed been a great pleasure to have had the honour of representing you in the Eighth Masonic District, and herewith please find my report on condition of Freemasonry in this District.

R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover of Shiloh No. 70 was elected to the position of District Treasurer, Bro. I. Goossen of Emerson Lodge No. 6 appointed District Secretary and Bro. J. A. MacLeod of King Solomon No. 8, District Chaplain.

It was impossible to have a meeting of the Principal Officers of the various lodges due to circumstances which arose, so I decided I would contact the Secretaries and Masters personally and achieve much the same result, in fact it seemed to work out very well. I enjoyed the contacts made which I felt helped me at a later date when making my Officials visits.

In June and July I contacted all Lodges, either by a visit to the Lodge or with the Worshipful Master or Secretary of the Lodge, and set the dates for my Official visits.

During my term of office an official visit was made to all Lodges in the District and in the majority of cases I made several return visits. I am pleased to say on all occasions I was accorded a very fine reception, receiving excellent support from the Brethren, for which I was very grateful. On each visit I addressed the Lodge on various Masonic subjects and answered any questions that were brought up with reference to Grand Lodge or Masonry in general.

The following were my Official visits:

Wednesday, August 1st	Sprague No. 132
Tuesday, September 11th	King Solomon No. 8
Monday, September 17th	Midlothian No. 90
Wednesday, October 3rd	Patricia No. 125
Thursday, October 11th	Shiloh No. 70
Tuesday, October 16th	Carman No. 155
Tuesday, November 6th	East Star No. 55
Thursday, November 15th	Emerson No. 6
Tuesday, November 27th	Penza No. 120

On all these visits Bro. I. Goossen, my District Secretary, accompanied me along with a good following of the Brethren from the various Lodges.

The District on the whole seems to be in very good condition and I only found one Lodge which is having some difficulty to carry on. I made a special effort to try and assist them all I could during my term and only hope they will be able to overcome their difficulties.

I attended the 20th Annual Outdoor Meeting and Picnic at Walhalla, N.D., along with a number of our Brethren and their families and was accorded the privilege of presenting to the meeting the Grand Lodge Officers present from Manitoba in the persons of R.W.Bro. D. Rothstein, Deputy Grand Master; M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Grand Librarian; R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe, Grand Chaplain, and R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat, Grand Treasurer. We had a very fine meeting and heard a splendid address given by R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe. This Annual Meeting has developed into a remarkable showing of friendship and co-operation between the various Lodges of Manitoba and North Dakota, which I am sure is accomplishing much to cement the Masonry of both jurisdictions.

I arranged for a divine service to be held at Sprague on August 19th in conjunction with the 35th anniversary of the Lodge, which was quite successful. We are very grateful to M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly for officiating at the Service. Also to M.W.Bro. R. E. Emmett, R.W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions and R.W. Bro. Percy T. Houston for making the long trip down to Sprague. It was a very fine effort for such a small Lodge and I am pleased to have had a small part in it.

Our District Meeting was held at Emerson on Friday, October 5th, in the Masonic Temple. The weather was very good, 74 Brethren being in attendance. I feel we could take a great deal more interest in this important meeting by making sure we have at least 10 or 15 members from each Lodge present. Surely this is not asking too much of any Lodge which is definitely interested in the welfare of Freemasonry in their District.

The meeting opened at 2.30 p.m. All our nine Lodges in the District were represented, in fact we had members present from 22 different Lodges including one from Ontario.

We were indeed pleased with the large following you had accompany you from Grand Lodge in the persons of: R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. W. G. D. Runions, Grand Junior Warden; M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson, Grand Secretary; M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, Grand Historian; R.W. Bro. J. P. Mowat, Grand Treasurer; R.W. Bro. B. Stuart Parker, Grand Director of Ceremonies; V.W. Bro. I. L. Carlson, Grand Tyler; R.W. Bro. E. J. Heaney, D.D.G.M., 1st Masonic District; M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett, I.P.GM., M.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe, P.G.M.

The usual reports turned in by the Lodge Secretaries proved very interesting and gave a good picture of what had taken place in our District over the past year.

The talk given by Bro. J. B. Thomson of Emerson Lodge No. 6 on his impressions of a young Mason after passing his Master Mason's degree was very interesting and received some fine comment, considering the short time he has been a member of the craft this proved a nice tribute to his effort.

The talk given by a capable Past Master of Emerson Lodge, W.Bro. J. B. Andrews, "The Role of Freemasonry in Society," was delivered in his usual inspiring manner, giving us all considerable food for thought.

There only being one nomination received for the position of D.D.G.M. for 1957-58, that of W.Bro. Frank Stockford of Midlothian Lodge No. 90,

Miami, he was elected by acclamation subject to the confirmation of the incoming Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein conducted a brief question and answer period which was enjoyed by all. He gave a demonstration of the signs and manner in which the Junior Officers should do their work and approach the Altar, stressing how we should conduct ourselves while in the Lodge-room.

At 6 p.m. we held our banquet in the Legion Hall, sitting down to a delicious supper supplied by the Ladies of United Church W.A. The usual Masonic toasts and short addresses being very much enjoyed.

The evening session opened at 8 p.m. with the Grand Master and his Suite being introduced by W.Bro. Hugh Templeton, the oldest Past Master of Emerson Lodge, who served as Master of the Lodge 40 years ago and is still a very active member.

Memory to our departed Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above was observed by silent meditation.

M.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett presented the Immediate Past D.D.G.M. with his Past District Deputy Grand Master's Apron in a very pleasing manner. He stressed the remarkable work he had done in the past year. R.W. Bro. R. A. McKenzie made a very fitting reply.

We were treated to a fine address by our Grand Master at this time. He pointed out the important role that Junior Officers hold in the Lodge. They should take their responsibility seriously, for in their hands rests the future of the Lodge, and that all members of the Craft should be careful of their behaviour both in Lodge and in our every day life. The Grand Master gave us a very complete and comprehensive report on the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge pointing out the necessity of increasing our donations to the cause, as the interest earned by this fund is not sufficient to take care of the yearly demands upon it, and as you all know Charity and Benevolence plays an important role in our Masonic life.

The Brethren of the Eighth Masonic District were saddened on receipt of the news of the passing to the Grand Lodge above of our Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin. His untiring efforts in the cause of Freemasonry will be sorely missed in our Grand Jurisdiction.

I have made arrangements to hold our Annual Divine Service on Sunday, May 26th, at St. Andrews United Church, Emerson. Rev. J. A. MacLeod, our Chaplain, assisted by Rev. Don Henderson, will be in charge of the Service. All Lodges have been contacted and we are looking forward to a fine attendance.

I am glad to report that during my term of Office Penza Lodge No. 120, Dominion City, have acquired and moved into a new Masonic Temple. Great credit is due the Brethren of Penza.

I had the privilege of attending a very impressive meeting at Pembina Lodge No. 2, North Dakota, the occasion being the presentation of long service pins to the Members of 35 to 60 years service, and in several cases sons of the Members receiving the pins presented them; you could see how proud they were to have this opportunity. They had a fine attendance which included several members of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

The question of Charity and Benevolence, I feel, is one to which we of the Eighth Masonic District should give some thought, when we find that out of nine Lodges, five of these have not made any contributions to the Benevolent Fund or Relief in the past year; this is not an impressive record. I am sure if we give this question some serious thought we can and will do a much better job.

I wish to express my deep and sincere appreciation to all members of the Eighth Masonic District for their co-operation in the past year, also to Emerson No. 6 for the loyal support they have given me during my term of office. To R.W. Bro. W. E. Glover, Rev. Bro. J. A. MacLeod, Bro. I. Goossen, my District Officers for the year, a hearty vote of thanks.

I am grateful to our late M.W. Grand Master for his confirmation of my appointment as his representative in the Eighth Masonic District, and I sincerely hope I have served him well and have been able in some small way to help the worthy cause of Freemasonry under his guidance.

I would like to express my thanks to M.W. Bro. Thos. C. Jackson and M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly for their help and kindly assistance.

It has indeed been a pleasure to have had the opportunity of serving you in this capacity and I am sorry it is drawing to a close. I will always treasure the experience I have had as your District Deputy of the Eighth Masonic District.

Respectfully and fraternally,

C. C. THOMSON,

D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval, my report of activities as your representative of the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1956-1957 as my term of office comes to a close.

It has been a great pleasure to represent you, and the first thing I would like to do is thank the brethren of the Ninth Masonic District for electing me to this high and responsible office and to our late Most Worshipful Grand Master for confirming that election.

The schooling and instruction we received from the late M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin dispelled from my mind any thought that the office of District Deputy Grand Master as being one of only dignity and honor. I have been greatly impressed by the experiences I have had in the past year and the work and the responsibility that goes with the office.

My first official duty was to appoint W. Bro. George Scott as my District Secretary and W. Bro. Alex Oliphant as District Chaplain. To both I must say thanks for a job well done.

I wish to say to you Right Worshipful Sir and to all the Lodges in the District that on all my visits, both official and otherwise, I was received with the honor and dignity that is bestowed upon your representative.

This year of being District Deputy Grand Master has given me the most profitable Masonic year of my life and a period to which I will often look back with many memories, both joyful and sad.

The District Meeting was held at my home Lodge, Vermillion No. 68, on Monday, October 1st. In my opinion and from the reports of other members, this was one of the most interesting and educational meetings

held for a number of years. The attendance was about average, some 93 members, made up of the following:

Grand Lodge Officers	6
Past Grand Lodge Officers	6
Visitors	7
District Attendance	74
Total	93

Every Lodge was represented and the reports presented would indicate that Lodges in the District are in a firm condition with a total membership of 693, made up of 421 resident and 272 non-resident members.

For the success of the meeting must be recorded the fact I received full co-operation and support from all members of Vermillion Lodge and valuable assistance from Masters and members of all other Lodges in the District.

The meeting was put on a very friendly basis by the easy manner in which R.W. Bro. David Rothstein opened and handled the question and answer period from which much light was thrown on Masonic topics of interest. The manner in which the presentation of the Past D.D.G.M. Apron was made by M.W. Bro. Robert Emmett to R.W. Bro. Harold Staples left little to be desired.

The highlight of the afternoon meeting was the fine address given by our late M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin. The inspiration and courage and very touching remarks given from his very heart left a lasting memory with all of us. At the close of the afternoon meeting, we retired to the basement of the temple, where we were entertained by a young artist, Tom Veal, my nephew, who sang a few numbers which were well received by all.

During my term of office I have, in my official capacity, visited all eight Lodges in my District. I witnessed degree work in most of the Lodges and in all cases the opening, closing and degree work was carried out in a manner that is a credit to the Craft. The records of the secretaries, financial standing, the historical records and the harmony that exists in the Lodges is very encouraging and gratifying.

The dates of my official visits were as follows:

Hiram Lodge No. 94	October 18th
Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105	November 1st
Roblin Lodge No. 122	November 12th
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100	November 14th
Victory Lodge No. 128	November 20th
Vermillion Lodge No. 68	December 4th
Jubilee Lodge No. 147	December 13th
Favel Lodge No. 126	February 5th

I made several unofficial visits to most of the Lodges except Prince Arthur No. 105 and Favel No. 126. Wherever I went there was a deep interest taken in the work. A lot of the Lodges show an active part in community affairs by assisting in different projects. There is a steady increase in membership in the District. In all I made 17 visits to Lodges in the District and attended four meetings of the Board of General Purposes in Winnipeg.

R.W. Bro. J. Gardner presented M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins of Vermillion No. 68 with a fifty year jewel.

I had the honor and privilege of presenting two fifty year jewels to members of our District, namely, Bro. Sam Houston, Hiram Lodge No. 94 and one to his nephew, V.W. Bro. Douglas Houston of Doric Lodge No. 36,

Boissevain, on behalf of his late father, Bro. W. J. Houston of Vermillion Lodge No. 68.

During my term of office I was saddened by the death of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James Ferguson Irwin who was called to the Grand Lodge Above on reaching the height of his Masonic career. That which he contributed to Masonry will be instilled in the memory of us who worked with him and served under him.

I would like to thank those brethren who travelled with me throughout the District making for closer Brotherhood and shortening the many long hours of travel.

To my successor, I wish he will be given the same kind consideration and help that has been extended to me. The experience and Masonic eduction I gained during my year of office was most beneficial and will be ever available to him in extending the fundamental principles of Freemasonry and Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM CALEY,
D.D.G.M. Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

It is now my pleasant duty to set down this review of my year as your representative in the Tenth Masonic District, which high honor and privilege has afforded me continual delight. To have such scope for self-expression and opportunity of advancing the standard of Lodge work must be a great privilege to any Mason.

Our send-off at the last Communication of Grand Lodge was expertly planned to get us off on the right foot, and the furnishings supplied us proved of real worth.

I immediately appointed W. Bro. W. J. T. Pearce, District Chaplain and Bro. Hymie Earn, District Secretary. Both these Officers supported me nobly, and Bro. Earn, though a very young Mason, took hold of the work like a veteran secretary. I also received valuable advice from R.W. Bro. John Norquay, R.W. Bro. H. Hutson, R.W. Bro. E. L. White, R.W. Bro. J. Wishart, W. Bro. T. Hartley, and W. Bro. H. Elwell, who though senior to all of us, turned up at almost all my official visits. The mileage around the District was well over 2,000 miles.

The dates of my official visits were:

The Dormer Lodge No. 151	September 4th
Transcona Lodge No. 123	September 7th
Kildonan Lodge No. 131	September 11th
Lisgar Lodge No. 2	September 18th
Harry Woods Lodge No. 164	September 25th
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	October 3rd
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	October 11th
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148	October 12th
Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156	October 16th
Ophir Lodge No. 112	November 16th
Pine Falls Lodge No. 154	December 21st

At all these Lodges I was gladly received on your behalf and I believe the attendance reflected that attitude. The Work of each Lodge seemed to vie with that of every other, and we had little chance to find fault.

The District Meeting, the minutes of which are in your hands by separate cover, was held in West Kildonan on October 15th and was distinguished by the presence, in what seemed like excellent health, of our lately deceased Grand Master. M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin delighted the assembly with a rousing call to practical Masonry, marking off his points with incision and gusto and leaving a strong impression on all of us. Upon his retirement from the meeting, a Question and Answer period was conducted by the Deputy Grand Master and R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein in his breezy and effective manner, elicited many opinions on the subjects of inducing larger attendance at District meetings and other relevant topics. The meeting was successfully contained within a single session, after a well-conducted dinner in the United Church.

At the meeting also, a ballot was conducted to elect the District Deputy Grand Master for this District for the year 1957-1958, and of three nominations, V.W. Bro. L. G. Barnes gained the majority and was accordingly declared D.D.G.M.-elect, subject to confirmation by the Grand Master.

Among the Lodges, I found that the permission of Grand Lodge for certain Work to be done by Master Masons has been enthusiastically received and applied, sometimes with brilliant results, as at one Lodge where I heard the Charge in the E.A. degree given by the very young son of one of their Past Masters in an unforgettable manner.

Conforming to the directives given a D.D.G.M., I was on the watch for failings and slackness and wherever they appeared I made some comment, but this was rarely necessary and my remarks needed only to be mainly explanatory and interpretative. We all found little but praise and satisfaction with the way Masonry is maintained and practised in even the quietest country Lodge.

I was pleased to be able to accompany the R.W. Deputy Grand Master at the District Meetings of the First and Twelfth Districts. In the case of the First District, I had already received a warm invitation from their D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. E. J. Heaney; and in the case of the Twelfth District, I was returning the compliment of R.W. Bro. Percy T. Houston who had turned up at mine. I also accompanied R.W. Bro. D. Rothstein to Friendship Lodge No. 165 on the occasion of their Fifth Anniversary and finally to Manitouwapa Lodge at their opening of a new Temple. The brethren at Moosehorn gathered a harvest of compliments and congratulations over their achievement.

It was a novel experience to conduct the Installation of Officers at Pine Falls Lodge No. 154, as it anticipated my turn in that office in my own Lodge. In the course of the Final Charge to the Lodge, I referred the paragraph describing the ideal of a Freemason, particularly to our lamented M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, while the brethren stood at the sign of Fidelity.

One of the most interesting features of our District meeting was the reading of Reports of constituent Lodges by Officers of the respective Lodges. They were all quite brief yet gave a lively picture of those activities not so much governed by Grand Lodge, such as the presenting of Master Mason Certificates in Lodge with some little ceremony; study groups to entice the new members; ladies' nights, usually in return for co-operation through the year; an increasing desire to conduct own Instal-

lation; community efforts; bursary awards through the local school board, and so on.

Finally, as I joined that sad pilgrimage to Neepawa, it was a revelation to realize the extent of M.W. Bro. Irwin's influence in that community, and the high esteem in which he was held. At the same time I was deeply impressed by the fine organizing of the services by our Grand Lodge and by the beauty and majesty of the whole gathering.

In closing, my general impressions may be summed up in one of my own little stanzas:

"Each Brother sits distinct in views
As in his situation,
Yet each endeavors still to use
The Regular Equation."

And I tender my warmest thanks to those brethren of Seven Oaks Lodge who made my journeys so pleasurable; to the Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian; and to your R.W. self, Bro. David Rothstein.

W. R. MUNROE,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir:

I take great pleasure in submitting my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twelfth Masonic District.

The following is a list of my Official visits:

Charleswood Lodge No. 163	September 10, 1956
Tuscan Lodge No. 141	September 14, 1956
Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143	September 24, 1956
Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145	October 1, 1956
Menorah Lodge No. 167	October 3, 1956
Fidelity Lodge No. 146	October 5, 1956
Fort Garry Lodge No. 130	October 16, 1956
Meridian Lodge No. 140	October 18, 1956
Capitol Lodge No. 136	November 2, 1956
Three Pillars Lodge U.D.	November 6, 1956
Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137	November 14, 1956
Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144	January 8, 1957
Beaver Lodge No. 139	January 10, 1957
Windsor Lodge No. 138	January 14, 1957

On all my visits I was accompanied by several of the Masters, Wardens and Junior Officers of the District. On all these occasions I received a sincere and warm welcome as your representative. The Lodge meetings were well conducted and there is evidence that the Masters and Wardens are endeavouring to maintain a high standard of efficiency in conferring degrees. On one occasion, permission was sought to forgo the delivery of a lecture. This request was refused. May I recommend that a directive be sent out to the Lodges as a reminder of the importance of delivering all charges and lectures.

Four dinner meetings were held with the Masters and Wardens and at one of these the Lodge Secretaries were invited to attend. All these meetings were well attended and lively discussions took place.

On January 31st, 1957, our annual District meeting opened in prescribed form at 8.00 p.m. in the Masonic Temple. R.W. Bro. David Rothstein and his suite were presented and received with Grand Honors. A short Memorial Service in respect to the memory of our beloved Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, was conducted by R.W. Bro. C. R. Newcombe, Grand Chaplain. R.W. Bro. E. M. Finkleman was elected District Deputy Grand Master for the 1957-1958 term, subject to confirmation of the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge Communication in June. The Brethren assembled indicated their appreciation to R.W. Bro. Rothstein by the close attention paid during, and their hearty applause following his address.

Our annual Divine Service was held at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue on Friday, March 15th, 1957. The service was not as well attended as was expected, due to many other functions on the same evening. I had the honor of reading the lesson, Isaiah, Chapter 44, Verses 1-10. Bro. Rabbi Aaron delivered a most inspiring message.

My sincerest thanks are extended to W.Bro. W. E. R. Munn, District Secretary, W.Bro. H. Rhodes, District Chaplain, and W.Bro. S. C. Swanton, District Treasurer, for their untiring efforts on my behalf. They were present with me on all my Official Visits. Their friendly advice was most encouraging. To R.W. Bro. A. H. W. Cook, I.P.D.D.G.M., I express gratitude for his sound advice and guidance.

Mrs. Houston and I were privileged to be the guests of several Lodges at their social functions. Their hospitality and friendliness is appreciated.

M.W. Bro. Thomas C. Jackson was frequently visited and is most generous of his time and talents. To his staff, W.Bro. Gordon McKenzie and Miss Margaret Anderson, I extend a humble but sincere thanks.

I was pleased to have Three Pillars Lodge U.D. placed in the Twelfth District during my term of office. I have attended several of their meetings, regular and emergent, and have attended at some of their rehearsals. There has been a vast improvement since they were instituted, in the opening, closing and conducting of their meetings. There has also been much improvement in the conferring of Degrees. Any problems or misunderstandings that may have arisen have, in my opinion, been satisfactorily ironed out. Three Pillars Lodge is applying for a Charter at the June Communication of Grand Lodge. I recommend that it be granted.

Fort Garry Lodge No. 130 has sponsored a new Lodge to be known as Gateway Lodge U.D., which will meet in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg. This new Lodge is to be instituted on May 29, 1957. I am satisfied that W. Bro. A. C. Fitch, as their first Worshipful Master, Bro. Theo. Garvie, Senior Warden, and Bro. George Ostrander, Junior Warden, are capable of efficiently directing all the affairs of this new Masonic Lodge. I extend to Gateway Lodge U.D. sincere wishes for a healthy, successful future.

My year as District Deputy Grand Master has been an inspiration to me. My most sincere hope is that I have given something to my Brethren that will inspire them.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. HOUSTON,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam

DEDICATED

TO

THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF

SISTER

GRAND LODGES

1956

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

James Ferguson Irwin

Neepawa Lodge No. 24

Junior Grand Warden, 1953

Senior Grand Warden, 1954

Deputy Grand Master, 1955

Grand Master, 1956

DIED

December 15th, 1956

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

Albert Livingstone Crossin

Northern Light Lodge No. 10

Senior Grand Deacon, 1914

District Deputy Grand Master, 1917

Junior Grand Warden, 1922

Senior Grand Warden, 1923

Deputy Grand Master, 1924

Grand Master, 1925

DIED

October 19th, 1956

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

Edward Thornton Greenway

Crystal Lodge No. 71

District Deputy Grand Master, 1903 and 1904

Junior Grand Warden, 1915

Senior Grand Warden, 1916

Deputy Grand Master, 1917

Grand Master, 1918

DIED

June 14th, 1956

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William Moore

King Solomon Lodge No. 8

District Deputy Grand Master, 1934

DIED

October 27th, 1956

Washington Hector French

Stonewall Lodge No. 12

Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1917
District Deputy Grand Master, 1926

DIED

June 20th, 1956

William Evans Conner

Morden Lodge No. 13

Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1913
District Deputy Grand Master, 1914

DIED

May 19th, 1956

Charles John Meadows

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14

Senior Grand Steward, 1930

DIED

December 8th, 1956

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William J. Sanders

Killarney Lodge No. 50

Grand Steward, 1915
District Deputy Grand Master, 1916

DIED

May 15th, 1956

Donald A. McLaren

Treherne Lodge No. 51

District Deputy Grand Master, 1929

DIED

August 14th, 1956

Charles W. MacLachlin

Vermillion Lodge No. 68

District Deputy Grand Master, 1915

DIED

February 23rd, 1956

John N. McFadden

Vermillion Lodge No. 68

District Deputy Grand Master, 1934

DIED

April 2nd, 1956

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Albert H. Malcolmson

Midlothian Lodge No. 90

District Deputy Grand Master, 1917

DIED

February 14th, 1956

John R. Stalker

Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92

District Deputy Grand Master, 1926

DIED

July 10th, 1956

John Livesey

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105

Junior Grand Deacon, 1933

District Deputy Grand Master, 1943

DIED

May 18th, 1956

Frank Kidd Purdie

Lansdowne Lodge No. 107

District Deputy Grand Master, 1930

DIED

April 8th, 1956

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Irwin Lyman Mitchell

Roblin Lodge No. 122

District Deputy Grand Master, 1922

DIED

November 19th, 1956

William Eldon MacDonald

Favel Lodge No. 126

District Deputy Grand Master, 1922

DIED

December 11th, 1956

George Lardner

Beaver Lodge No. 139

Board of General Purposes, 1955

DIED

August 2nd, 1956

IN MEMORY

OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Chambers, C.	June 13, 1951	Prince Rupert's	1
Anderton, R.	Feb. 11, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
McCallum, P.	Apr. 26, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Silverman, O.	July 9, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Draper, W. G.	July 28, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Solomon, I. A.	Aug. 7, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Salton, L. V.	Aug. 24, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Shea, G. F.	Sep. 12, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Berry, G. T.	Sep. 30, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Davis, K. S.	Oct. 28, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Kinniburgh, Wm.	Dec. 14, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Rannard, A. B.	Dec. 25, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
McIntyre, C. M.	Feb. 28, 1956	Lisgar	2
Jonsson, B. E.	Apr. 7, 1956	Lisgar	2
Stephanson, S.	May 18, 1956	Lisgar	2
Wakefield, F. Y.	July 25, 1956	Lisgar	2
Skagfjord, B.	Nov. 1, 1956	Lisgar	2
Sinclair, J. M. S.	Dec. 6, 1956	Lisgar	2
Whitla, H. W.	Mar. 1, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Gates, J. W.	Apr. 12, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Chapman, A. W.	May 20, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Smith, A.	May 20, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Forlong, J. A.	May 21, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Feaveryear, G. H.	July 12, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Carruthers, P. D.	July 13, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Knight, J. L.	July 31, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Adam, F.	Sep. 13, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Sandbrook, W. R. L.	Sep. 17, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
McCartney, L. H.	Sep. 20, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Mason, D.	Oct. 20, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Gilchrist, Wm.	Nov. 3, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Henderson, J. D.	Nov. 22, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
McKay, W. A.	Dec. 2, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Backhouse, W. H.	Dec. 20, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Minhinnick, J. P.	Jan. 3, 1956	St. John's	4
Cobb, Geo.	Jan. 17, 1956	St. John's	4
Horner, G. C.	Feb. 1, 1956	St. John's	4
Herrell, A. W.	Feb. 14, 1956	St. John's	4
Connor, H. A.	Mar. 16, 1956	St. John's	4
Young, G. H.	Mar. 18, 1956	St. John's	4

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Motheral, W. J.	Apr. 11, 1956	St. John's	4
Snell, W. J.	May 24, 1956	St. John's	4
Emrick, J. A.	July 27, 1956	St. John's	4
Ross, J. L.	Aug. 10, 1956	St. John's	4
Shenton, Wm.	Aug. 24, 1956	St. John's	4
Potter, D. G.	Sep. 6, 1956	St. John's	4
Hamilton, Wm.	Sep. 9, 1956	St. John's	4
James, T. T.	Sep. 14, 1956	St. John's	4
Barker, O. E.	Nov. 1, 1956	St. John's	4
Hamlin, R. H.	Nov. 2, 1956	St. John's	4
Gordon, A. C.	Nov. 12, 1956	St. John's	4
Smith, E. H.	Dec. 19, 1956	St. John's	4
Steele, C. L.	Dec. 31, 1956	St. John's	4
Lofquist, P.	May 20, 1956	Emerson	6
Bushby, E. J.	June 18, 1956	Emerson	6
Irvine, W. H.	Sep. 9, 1956	Emerson	6
Burton, M. S.	Apr. 27, 1956	Assiniboine	7
Christianson, B.	July 18, 1956	Assiniboine	7
Giles, J. R.	Oct. 18, 1956	Assiniboine	7
Chisholm, A.	May 9, 1956	King Solomon	8
Young, E. L.	Mar. 28, 1956	Northern Light	10
Ross, D. A.	Apr. 1, 1956	Northern Light	10
Ireland, J. S.	Apr. 24, 1956	Northern Light	10
Thomas, W.	June 13, 1956	Northern Light	10
Reycraft, L. J.	July 6, 1956	Northern Light	10
Lightfoot, C.	July 11, 1956	Northern Light	10
Ward, J. S.	July 11, 1956	Northern Light	10
Swift, H. E.	Oct. 12, 1956	Northern Light	10
Brown, H. L. (Presumed)	Dec. 31, 1956	Northern Light	10
Scott, R.	July 1, 1956	Gladstone	11
Hart, A.	Oct. 14, 1956	Gladstone	11
Grahame, J.	Mar. 11, 1956	Stonewall	12
Forsythe, J.	Sep. 5, 1956	Stonewall	12
Hamilton, J. F. W.	Sep. 8, 1956	Stonewall	12
Collins, J. W.	Oct. 18, 1956	Morden	13
Inman, H.	Jan. 5, 1956	Prince of Wales	14
Taylor, T. H.	July 11, 1956	Prince of Wales	14
Soldan, D.	Sep. 4, 1956	Corinthian	15
Hamm, J. L. H.	Apr. 2, 1956	Brandon	19
Goucher, A.	May 19, 1956	Brandon	19

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Doig, G. F.	July 10, 1956	Brandon	19
Turner, T. W.	Sep. 28, 1956	Brandon	19
Fitton, G. A.	Nov. 28, 1956	Brandon	19
Pain, Thos.	Feb. 12, 1956	Neepawa	24
Adams, G. S.	June 1, 1956	Neepawa	24
Roblin, G. R.	June 18, 1956	Neepawa	24
Hannah, J. C.	June 26, 1956	Neepawa	24
Spence, P. R.	Jan. 3, 1956	Ionic	25
Lang, J. A.	Jan. 5, 1956	Ionic	25
Johnson, H.	Jan. 6, 1956	Ionic	25
Poole, J.	Feb. 24, 1956	Ionic	25
Ross, J. E.	Feb. 27, 1956	Ionic	25
Cockburn, D. M.	Mar. 15, 1956	Ionic	25
Rodwell, E. W.	Apr. 10, 1956	Ionic	25
Hart, B. B.	Apr. 12, 1956	Ionic	25
Thompson, B. L.	Apr. 12, 1956	Ionic	25
Neill, N. H.	Apr. 19, 1956	Ionic	25
Godfrey, A. E.	Apr. 23, 1956	Ionic	25
Bowman, M.	Apr. 26, 1956	Ionic	25
Sanders, C. J.	Apr. 30, 1956	Ionic	25
Evans, E. M.	June 23, 1956	Ionic	25
Smith, Jas.	Sep. 10, 1956	Ionic	25
Wright, H. R.	Sep. 25, 1956	Ionic	25
Savies, D. J.	Dec. 9, 1956	Ionic	25
Liddle, A. T.	Dec. 14, 1956	Ionic	25
Duchov, M.	Dec. 18, 1956	Ionic	25
Forbes, C.	June 12, 1956	Glenwood	27
Harris, Geo.	Feb. 10, 1956	Lebanon	43
Kerr, C. G.	May 26, 1956	Lebanon	43
Forbes, H.	Nov. 25, 1956	Oak Lake	44
Haskell, W.	Sep. 4, 1956	Glenboro	48
Naylor, D. S.	Nov. 6, 1956	Temple	49
Dickson, J. H.	June 17, 1956	Killarney	50
Foster, A. E.	Nov. 2, 1956	Killarney	50
McBurney, R. A.	Jan. 20, 1956	Hartney	52
Coates, J.	Dec. 22, 1956	Hartney	52
Rutherford, G.	Feb. 6, 1956	Oriental	54
Bell, J. C.	Feb. 19, 1956	Oriental	54
Pitt, Thos.	May 25, 1956	Oriental	54
Loucks, T. S.	July 1, 1956	Oriental	54

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Cornish, C. E.	Sep. 28, 1956	Oriental	54
Langford, E. W.	Nov. 22, 1956	Russell	62
Purvis, F.	Oct. 6, 1956	Holland	63
Young, Thos.	Feb. 6, 1956	Composite	64
Owens, H. R.	Feb. 17, 1956	Composite	64
Howat, G.	Aug. 29, 1956	Composite	64
Grierson, J. A.	Oct. 22, 1956	Composite	64
Lea, Job	Mar. 16, 1956	Wawanesa	67
McKenzie, D.	July 26, 1956	Wawanesa	67
Anderson, G. W.	Oct. 11, 1955	Vermillion	68
Heard, Wm.	Feb. 6, 1956	Vermillion	68
Horsfall, H.	Feb. 13, 1956	Vermillion	68
Houston, W. J.	Feb. 28, 1956	Vermillion	68
Smith, A. D.	July 4, 1956	Vermillion	68
Sloane, J. G. B.	Jan. 4, 1956	Shiloh	70
Anderson, J. S.	May 7, 1956	Shiloh	70
Doubleday, A.	Feb. 23, 1956	Gothic	75
Peterson, G. E.	Aug. 27, 1956	Gothic	75
Stewart, R. N.	Apr. 23, 1956	Napinka	77
Thompson, J.	May 31, 1956	Napinka	77
Spearman, G.	Apr. 28, 1956	Hamiota	84
Duncan, W.	June 20, 1956	Midlothian	90
McKnight, A. D.	Mar. 31, 1956	Shoal Lake	92
Randall, J. C.	July 29, 1956	Shoal Lake	92
Mavins, H. W.	Jan. 9, 1956	King Edward	93
Nunn, F. W.	Feb. 23, 1956	King Edward	93
Logan, A.	Apr. 8, 1956	King Edward	93
Boyd, J.	May 10, 1956	King Edward	93
Munro, W. I.	June 22, 1956	King Edward	93
Dumbrell, W. H.	Dec. 17, 1956	Miniota	102
Frost, J.	July 9, 1956	Crescent	103
Cann, W. C.	Sep. 4, 1956	Crescent	103
Copley, E.	Dec. 30, 1956	Crescent	103
Pigg, M. R.	Aug. 19, 1956	Reston	104
Larson, L. J.	Jan. 1, 1956	Prince Arthur	105
Dobbyn, Geo.	Jan. 14, 1956	Prince Arthur	105
Loat, H.	Oct. 12, 1956	Prince Arthur	105
Chestnut, G.	Apr. 15, 1956	Lansdowne	107
Myles, W. T.	Oct. 17, 1956	Lansdowne	107
Davidson, D. G.	Jan. 7, 1956	Union	108

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Horn, H. T.	Feb. 3, 1956	Swan Lake	109
Crampton, W. C.	Apr. 7, 1956	Swan Lake	109
McKee, J.	Apr. 19, 1956	Kilwinning	110
Dalgleish, A. O.	Apr. 27, 1956	Kilwinning	110
Barbour, W. W.	Mar. 13, 1956	Acacia	111
Rennie, J.	Mar. 14, 1956	Acacia	111
Jenner, A.	July 11, 1956	Acacia	111
Gremmells, C. L.	July 18, 1956	Acacia	111
Crawford, H.	Oct. 28, 1956	Acacia	111
Breen, J.	Dec. 4, 1956	Acacia	111
Nordien, M.	Apr. 20, 1956	Ophir	112
Ligertwood, H. C. G.	Sep. 19, 1956	Ophir	112
May, F. E.	Oct. 16, 1955	Tweed	113
Peters, W. S.	Jan. 8, 1956	Tweed	113
Braun, E.	Nov. 4, 1956	Tweed	113
Forbes, R. K.	Dec. 14, 1956	Tweed	113
Smith, G. H.	Jan. 14, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Jackson, C. J. F.	Mar. 14, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Kelly, H. E.	Apr. 30, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Archibald, W. S.	May 1, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Curtis, L. K.	May 21, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Strang, V. S.	July 27, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Coppen, R. A.	Aug. 24, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Mathews, H. F.	Oct. 27, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Bricker, E. G.	Nov. 20, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
MacVicar, G. D.	Dec. 31, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Brown, O. W.	Jan. 14, 1956	Rivers	115
Crawford, J. E.	July 16, 1956	Strathcona	117
Rowley, V. S.	Dec. 7, 1956	Strathcona	117
McPherson, D.	Sep. 15, 1955	Norwood	119
Loveday, B. D.	Jan. 17, 1956	Norwood	119
Neill, W. M.	Apr. 2, 1956	Norwood	119
Whalley, J. J.	May 6, 1956	Norwood	119
Richards, J. L.	July 16, 1956	Norwood	119
Robinson, C. L. C.	Sep. 24, 1956	Norwood	119
Stuart, J. Y.	Nov. 3, 1956	Norwood	119
Ramsey, R. A.	Mar. 23, 1956	Penza	120
Murray, J. A.	July 12, 1956	Penza	120
Cruden, J. S.	Mar. 21, 1956	St. James	121
Holmes, J. F.	July 24, 1956	St. James	121
Andrew, A. N.	Aug. 31, 1956	St. James	121

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Vincent, R. L.	Oct. 24, 1956	St. James	121
Galloway, A. F.	Nov. 9, 1956	St. James	121
Clarke, M. A.	June 16, 1956	Roblin	122
Esselmont, R. I.	Dec. 12, 1956	Transcona	123
Wanless, J. M.	Dec. 26, 1956	The Pas	124
Colpitts, R. H.	Mar. 30, 1956	Patricia	125
Wickenden, A.	Oct. 11, 1954	Empire	127
Hawkins, I.	Feb. 18, 1956	Empire	127
McIlroy, J.	Apr. 15, 1956	Empire	127
Bunting, J.	Apr. 30, 1956	Empire	127
MacRae, M.	June 10, 1956	Empire	127
Shatsky, S.	Feb. 21, 1956	Victory	128
Hancox, D.	Apr. 7, 1956	Victory	128
Smith, R. A.	Jan. 26, 1956	Fort Garry	130
Lang, C. D.	June 15, 1956	Fort Garry	130
Conner, J. H.	Sep. 5, 1956	Fort Garry	130
Armstrong, W. J.	Nov. 10, 1956	Fort Garry	130
Rennie, J.	Mar. 14, 1956	Kildonan	131
Walker, O.	June 22, 1956	Kildonan	131
Teague, W. P.	Nov. 8, 1956	Kildonan	131
McBurney, T. W.	May 25, 1956	McCreary	133
Elliott, A. E.	Sep. 4, 1956	Stony Mountain	134
Abbott, W. C.	Oct. 19, 1956	Stony Mountain	134
Robertson, J. P.	Nov. 4, 1956	Stony Mountain	134
Matthews, S.	Jan. 23, 1956	Capitol	136
Koff, S.	Feb. 17, 1956	Capitol	136
Russell, W. M.	Mar. 21, 1956	Capitol	136
McCorquodale, Wm.	Apr. 4, 1956	Capitol	136
Lowe, V. W.	Sep. 12, 1956	Capitol	136
Retzlaff, E. E.	Nov. 14, 1956	Capitol	136
Gillespie, J.	Dec. 2, 1956	Lord Selkirk	137
McMaster, T. A.	Dec. 10, 1956	Lord Selkirk	137
Clarke, W. A.	Dec. 11, 1956	Lord Selkirk	137
Nicholson, Wm.	Feb. 20, 1956	Windsor	138
Mitchell, W. B.	Mar. 23, 1956	Windsor	138
Carson, C.	Sep. 14, 1956	Windsor	138
Wallace, E.	Dec. 24, 1956	Windsor	138
Simpson, Jas.	1953	Beaver	139
Herbert, F. H.	May 11, 1956	Beaver	139
Fraser, S. A.	June 10, 1956	Beaver	139
Lawson, G. W.	Sep. 25, 1956	Beaver	139

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Russell, Wm.	Nov. 17, 1956	Beaver	139
Parks, A. H. E.	Feb. 27, 1956	Meridian	140
Charlesworth, H.	Apr. 3, 1956	Meridian	140
Gray, W. H.	Apr. 19, 1956	Meridian	140
Elmes, R. H.	May 12, 1956	Meridian	140
Voisey, J. W.	Aug. 16, 1956	Meridian	140
McCowan, G. A.	Sep. 17, 1956	Meridian	140
Warin, A. G.	Oct. 14, 1956	Meridian	140
Goatcher, P. G.	Nov. 6, 1956	Meridian	140
Fraser, Jas.	Dec. 22, 1956	Meridian	140
Finklestein, C.	Feb. 6, 1956	Tuscan	141
Koz, M.	June 18, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Brookler, M.	Aug. 1, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Gofine, S. N.	Aug. 3, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Schachter, R.	Aug. 3, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Abrams, S.	Sep. 22, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Morosnick, L. D.	Nov. 7, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Sinclair, A. C.	Mar. 19, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Hadlett, C. A.	May 21, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Geddes, C. R.	July 16, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Lindbloom, E. J.	Aug. 5, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Smith, A.	Dec. 27, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Snyder, R. H.	June 25, 1956	Sturgeon Creek	145
Fridfinnson, W.	Feb. 28, 1956	Fidelity	146
Hoskins, J. H.	June 19, 1956	Fidelity	146
Carmeron, J. S.	July 11, 1956	Fidelity	146
Bissett, C. E.	Sep. 17, 1956	Fidelity	146
Deacon, R. O.	Sep. 23, 1956	Fidelity	146
McAllister, Wm.	Nov. 7, 1956	Fidelity	146
Andrew, M.	July 9, 1956	Seven Oaks	148
Kellough, H. W.	June 25, 1956	Flin Flon	153
Hough, H. S.	Sep. 4, 1956	Flin Flon	153
Wrixon, G. J.	Sep. 10, 1956	Starbuck	160
Jonsson, B. E.	Apr. 7, 1956	Fort Prince of Wales	161
Slack, R. F.	June 26, 1956	Fort Prince of Wales	161
Devine, C. L.	Sep. 24, 1956	Ashlar	162
McGinnis, E. G.	Oct. 20, 1956	Charleswood	163
Forsyth, J.	Sep. 19, 1956	Harry Woods	164
Styan, A. J.	Sep. 23, 1956	Harry Woods	164
Graham, R. H.	May 3, 1956	Friendship	165
Lewis, P. R.	Nov. 7, 1956	Friendship	165

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Brock, S. M.	Mar. 20, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Saunders, T.	Sep. 18, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Dinning, G.	Nov. 20, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Heal, R. R.	Dec. 18, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
MacIntosh, R. A.	May 28, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Barter, J.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Sibbald, A. F.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Knott, R. H.	Dec. 5, 1956	St. John's	4
McLellan, A. J.	Dec. 5, 1956	St. John's	4
Gibbs, G. F.	Jan. 1, 1956	Emerson	6
Elliott, Wm.	Sep. 20, 1956	Emerson	6
Snider, A. F.	June 30, 1956	Assiniboine	7
Simms, E. F.	Nov. 30, 1956	Assiniboine	7
Johnson, B. J.	Nov. 13, 1956	King Solomon	8
Bailey, R. R.	Dec. 11, 1956	King Solomon	8
Bronstone, H.	Dec. 11, 1956	King Solomon	8
Weston, J. W.	Dec. 11, 1956	King Solomon	8
Greenfield, J. E.	July 14, 1956	Northern Light	10
Clay, W. K.	Sep. 20, 1956	Northern Light	10
Peirson, C. R.	Oct. 20, 1956	Northern Light	10
Howard, S.	Dec. 20, 1956	Northern Light	10
Murrell, P. S.	Jan. 12, 1956	Stonewall	12
Law, Thos.	Nov. 8, 1956	Stonewall	12
Coutts, J. P.	Jan. 12, 1956	Prince of Wales	14
Dillon, Wm.	Oct. 11, 1956	Prince of Wales	14
Munro, H. G.	Dec. 8, 1956	Corinthian	15
Houssian, H. A.	Jan. 10, 1956	Brandon	19
Tawse, T. A.	Feb. 14, 1956	Brandon	19
Truss, A. J.	Feb. 14, 1956	Brandon	19
Wilson, J. H.	Oct. 9, 1956	Brandon	19
Brooks, R. W.	Dec. 11, 1956	Brandon	19
McFadden, J.	Dec. 11, 1956	Brandon	19
Brown, H. A.	June 25, 1956	Marquette	21
Lyttle, R. W.	Dec. 27, 1956	Marquette	21
Wright, G. T.	Dec. 27, 1956	Marquette	21
Farrell, W. K.	May 8, 1956	Neepawa	24
Smith, A. F.	Dec. 11, 1956	Neepawa	24
Strong, J. W.	Mar. 5, 1956	Ionic	25
Haubold, R. J. B.	Apr. 2, 1956	Ionic	25
Merrett, H. O.	Dec. 3, 1956	Ionic	25
Somerton, F. W.	Dec. 3, 1956	Ionic	25
Ross, W. F.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Fraser, D. J.	Dec. 14, 1956	Glenwood	27
Mutter, J. O. E.	Aug. 1956	Doric	36
Dow, G. E.	Dec. 28, 1956	Doric	36
Thomson, J. W.	Dec. 21, 1956	Deloraine	40
Storey, J. M.	Aug. 29, 1956	Oak Lake	44
Ready, J. A.	Oct. 1, 1956	Oak Lake	44
Dawson, W. L.	Nov. 19, 1956	Killarney	50
Roscoe, J. A.	Dec. 17, 1956	Killarney	50
McKinnon, J. M.	Mar. 13, 1956	Russell	62
Graham, J. E.	Oct. 10, 1956	Holland	63

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
McKenzie, H.	Apr. 3, 1956	Vermillion	68
Clarke, A. P.	Dec. 4, 1956	Vermillion	68
McGill, R. S.	Dec. 11, 1956	Crystal	71
Mitchell, C. A.	Dec. 10, 1956	Elkhorn	74
Brown, E. M.	June 28, 1956	Hamiota	84
Cummings, A.	Nov. 27, 1956	Hamiota	84
Bedford, D. W.	Dec. 14, 1956	Hamiota	84
Hatton, B.	Jan. 10, 1956	Elgin	86
Smith, L. W.	Nov. 13, 1956	Rathwell	87
Murray, A. L.	Nov. 19, 1956	Midlothian	90
Gray, J. W. (Jr.)	June 1, 1956	King Edward	93
Merrick, W J.	Oct. 8, 1956	King Edward	93
Gillespie, D. J.	Nov. 12, 1956	King Edward	93
McVicar, J. E.	Dec. 31, 1956	King Edward	93
Walker, A. S.	Dec. 31, 1956	King Edward	93
Wickett, L. E.	Dec. 31, 1956	King Edward	93
Adamack, J. S.	Nov. 15, 1956	Hiram	94
Christianson, J. P. S.	Dec. 27, 1956	Miniota	102
Busby, J. W.	Jan. 12, 1956	Reston	104
Pierce, L. M.	Oct. 11, 1956	Reston	104
Nicholson, G. R.	Dec. 13, 1956	Reston	104
Loat, M. A.	Jan. 10, 1956	Prince Arthur	105
Mullin, H. B.	Feb. 3, 1956	Prince Arthur	105
Rhind, W. C.	May 13, 1956	Prince Arthur	105
Hollett, H. R.	Dec. 6, 1956	Prince Arthur	105
Brook, J. H.	Jan. 17, 1956	Strathclair	106
Lacey, D.	Nov. 23, 1956	Lansdowne	107
Brown, F. M.	Jan. 11, 1956	Acacia	111
Paterson, A. J.	Feb. 8, 1956	Acacia	111
Grant, F. L.	May 15, 1956	Tweed	113
Brim, A. J.	Dec. 18, 1956	Tweed	113
Hart, R. P.	Dec. 18, 1956	Tweed	113
Hall, A. G.	Jan. 3, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Matheson, S. E.	Jan. 3, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Calder, W. E.	Dec. 4, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Davidson, J. F.	Dec. 4, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Noel, D. P.	Dec. 31, 1956	"The Assiniboine"	114
Cressman, S. W.	Sep. 24, 1956	Rivers	115
Joyce, J.	Dec. 30, 1956	Rivers	115
Leavens, I. L.	Nov. 28, 1956	Strathcona	117
Gillespie, G.	Oct. 11, 1956	Norwood	119
Wimble, L. A.	Nov. 8, 1956	Norwood	119
Captain, I.	Dec. 15, 1956	Norwood	119
Thompson, E. C.	Sep. 12, 1956	St. James	121
Hill, J. M.	Nov. 14, 1956	St. James	121
McIntosh, F. W.	Dec. 31, 1956	St. James	121
Milner, D.	Sep. 7, 1956	Transcona	123
Hollett, F. B.	May 3, 1956	The Pas	124
Lawrenson, H. J.	June 5, 1956	Favel	126
Chapman, F.	Dec. 10, 1956	Empire	127
Stein, H. L.	Jan. 18, 1956	Victory	128
Chalmers, F. B.	Jan. 11, 1956	Fort Garry	130

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Taylor, F. M.	Mar. 14, 1956	Fort Garry	130
McLennan, J. C.	Oct. 10, 1956	Fort Garry	130
Ferguson, H. J.	Sep. 11, 1956	Kildonan	131
Watt, R. J.	Sep. 11, 1956	Kildonan	131
Johnson, L. R.	Dec. 12, 1956	McCreary	133
Butler, G. R.	Sep. 5, 1956	Stony Mountain	134
Retzlaff, A. F.	Feb. 3, 1956	Capitol	136
Kerr, J.	Dec. 7, 1956	Capitol	136
Robinson, A. J.	Dec. 7, 1956	Capitol	136
Smith, M.	Dec. 7, 1956	Capitol	136
Siddall, G.	Jan. 11, 1956	Lord Selkirk	137
Clark, A. S.	Mar. 12, 1956	Windsor	138
Aldous, C. S.	Nov. 12, 1956	Windsor	138
Fraser, H.	Nov. 12, 1956	Windsor	138
Gorick, T. H. R.	Nov. 12, 1956	Windsor	138
McKay, R. G. S.	Nov. 12, 1956	Windsor	138
Somers, C. E.	Nov. 12, 1956	Windsor	138
Blake, D. K.	Dec. 10, 1956	Windsor	138
Forbes, L. I.	Dec. 10, 1956	Windsor	138
Goodman, L.	Dec. 10, 1956	Windsor	138
Threlfall, H. W.	Dec. 10, 1956	Windsor	138
Shute, W. A.	Dec. 10, 1956	Windsor	138
Spicer, A. E.	Dec. 10, 1956	Windsor	138
Hubbard, S. J.	Mar. 15, 1956	Meridian	140
Wildgoose, E. L.	Sep. 20, 1956	Meridian	140
Skoog, G.	Dec. 20, 1956	Meridian	140
Thomson, W. A.	Dec. 20, 1956	Meridian	140
Wade, W. C.	Dec. 14, 1956	Tuscan	141
Graham, M. E.	Dec. 20, 1956	Harmony	142
Oretzki, H. I.	Dec. 1955	Mount Sinai	143
Billinkoff, E.	Mar. 22, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Wolfman, A. B.	Nov. 22, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Cohen, M. D.	Dec. 16, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Pettigrew, A. M.	Sep. 4, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
McConnell, G.	Jan. 9, 1956	Sturgeon Creek	145
Corless, S. F.	Nov. 5, 1956	Sturgeon Creek	145
Menlove, M. P.	Dec. 3, 1956	Sturgeon Creek	145
Webb, W. I.	Dec. 3, 1956	Sturgeon Creek	145
Bolan, W. W.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fidelity	146
Love, J. C.	Nov. 9, 1956	Seven Oaks	148
Pritchard, A. C.	Dec. 31, 1956	Seven Oaks	148
Newton, W. H.	Dec. 18, 1956	Cartwright	150
Michie, D. J.	Nov. 6, 1956	The Dormer	151
Muirhead, J. W. A.	Dec. 4, 1956	The Dormer	151
Hillcox, V.	Oct. 5, 1956	Foxwarren	152
McMillan, J. R.	Dec. 5, 1956	Foxwarren	152
Lyle, B. E.	Sep. 7, 1954	Flin Flon	153
McNeil, O. B.	Dec. 4, 1956	Flin Flon	153
Benn, T. R.	Mar. 9, 1956	Pine Falls	154
Lundy, F. R. V.	Dec. 18, 1956	Manitouwapa	156
McLeod, N. K.	Apr. 6, 1956	Rice Lake	157
Walker, V.	Mar. 31, 1956	Fenwick	158

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Hudson, J. E.	Oct. 26, 1956	Fenwick	158
Dickson, S. R.	Nov. 23, 1956	Fenwick	158
Wallace, B. J.	Nov. 23, 1956	Fenwick	158
Lumb, R. F.	Dec. 28, 1956	Fenwick	158
Dunbar, J. A.	Feb. 20, 1956	Fort Prince of Wales	161
Palmer, C. H. N.	Dec. 22, 1956	Fort Prince of Wales	161
Robertson, P.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fort Prince of Wales	161
Simpson, A. P.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fort Prince of Wales	161
Blake, M. J.	Nov. 12, 1956	Charleswood	163
Cameron, W.	Dec. 31, 1956	Charleswood	163
Elarth, H. A.	Nov. 15, 1956	Friendship	165
Hetherington, J.	Nov. 15, 1956	Friendship	165
McGregor, W. J.	Dec. 7, 1956	Wheat City	168
Spicer, A. E.	Dec. 31, 1956	Three Pillars	U.D.

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Brown, M. R.	Sep. 18, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Helgason, H. H.	Jan. 17, 1956	Lisgar	2
Kirkness, E.	Oct. 16, 1956	Lisgar	2
Dewar, F. L.	Dec. 18, 1956	Lisgar	2
Seymour, R.	Dec. 31, 1956	Lisgar	2
Gatehouse, G. D.	May 28, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Bronstone, M.	Aug. 14, 1956	King Solomon	8
Godin, J. W.	Jan. 27, 1956	Glenwood	27
Baxter, A. M.	June 25, 1956	Deloraine	40
Paul, J. W.	Nov. 6, 1956	Vermillion	68
Webb, W. M.	Mar. 13, 1956	Crystal	71
Walker, R. E.	July 11, 1956	Gothic	75
Smith, G. M.	Nov. 13, 1956	Rathwell	87
Minaker, R. J. M.	Feb. 8, 1956	King Edward	93
Grant, F. L.	May 15, 1956	Tweed	113
Holmes, G. D.	Feb. 28, 1956	Strathcona	117
Macfarlane, E. W.	Sep. 13, 1956	Norwood	119
McLennan, W. W.	Feb. 27, 1956	Penza	120
Froom, R. B.	Oct. 23, 1956	Penza	120
Ellwynn, G. C.	Jan. 18, 1956	Roblin	122
Falconer, J. G.	Apr. 4, 1956	Sprague	132
Brun, A. L.	Oct. 3, 1956	Sprague	132
Mackay, J. I.	Feb. 9, 1956	Beaver	139
Haysom, C. G.	Jan. 13, 1956	Tuscan	141
Casselman, J. W. F.	Sep. 4, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Miller, R. E.	Nov. 6, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Torrance, R.	Mar. 9, 1956	Seven Oaks	148
West, R. B.	June 22, 1956	Fenwick	158

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Mackie, Geo.	Dec. 31, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Mills, R. D.	Dec. 31, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Moore, Geo.	Dec. 31, 1956	Prince Rupert's	1
Dewar, F. L.	Jan. 17, 1956	Lisgar	2
Hirst, G. F.	Jan. 17, 1956	Lisgar	2
Hurdall, M. D.	Jan. 17, 1956	Lisgar	2
Kirkness, E.	Jan. 17, 1956	Lisgar	2
Seymour, R.	Jan. 17, 1956	Lisgar	2
Curtis, L. G.	Dec. 31, 1956	Lisgar	2
Wileman, R. T.	Sep. 17, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Cann, E.	Nov. 19, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Kennington, A. E.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Thomson, Jas.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Kelly, J. L.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
McMillan, H. W. R.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ancient Landmark	3
Eddie, A. R.	Dec. 31, 1956	Assiniboine	7
Stocks, E. M.	Dec. 31, 1956	Assiniboine	7
Woodhead, W. H.	Jan. 10, 1956	King Solomon	8
Marshall, M. M.	Mar. 12, 1956	Gladstone	11
Atkinson, W. C.	Dec. 31, 1956	Brandon	19
Green, P. N.	Dec. 31, 1956	Brandon	19
Reid, J. P.	Dec. 31, 1956	Brandon	19
Baker, E. S.	Dec. 31, 1956	Neepawa	24
Neville, W. J.	Dec. 31, 1956	Neepawa	24
Christian, A. S.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Donaldson, P. W.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Hardaker, T.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Howe, G. E.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Johnson, S. A.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Orcheson, J. W.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Parks, G. C.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Smith, H. G.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Smith, Louis	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Solomon, C. S.	Dec. 31, 1956	Ionic	25
Hawking, I. J.	Dec. 31, 1956	Doric	36
Kuzenko, Wm.	Dec. 31, 1956	Doric	36
Udall, W. V.	Dec. 31, 1956	Doric	36
Sare, D.	Jan. 1, 1956	Deloraine	40
Hathaway, B. P.	Dec. 31, 1956	Hartney	52
Henderson, J. C.	Dec. 31, 1956	Holland	63
Mitchell, E. J.	Dec. 31, 1956	Vermillion	68
Tyler, A.	Dec. 31, 1956	Vermillion	68
McDonald, W.	May 10, 1956	Shiloh	70
Alderson, H.	Dec. 31, 1956	Crystal	71
Bartley, C.	Dec. 31, 1956	Elkhorn	74
Bugg, O. L.	Dec. 31, 1956	Napinka	77
Elsey, J. D.	Dec. 31, 1956	Napinka	77
Poole, H. R.	Dec. 31, 1956	Napinka	77
Johnson, C. T.	Dec. 24, 1956	Cypress	82
Brooks, J. N.	Jan. 31, 1954	Hamiota	84
Hannon, E. W.	Dec. 31, 1954	Hamiota	84
Haskin, S. A.	Jan. 1, 1956	Elgin	86

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Watson, A. J.	Dec. 11, 1956	Rathwell	87
Stroud, W. E.	Dec. 31, 1956	King Edward	93
Arnet, R. B.	Dec. 31, 1956	Crescent	103
Howes, T. F.	Dec. 31, 1956	Crescent	103
Hewitt, A. H.	Dec. 31, 1956	Reston	104
Wright, A.	Dec. 27, 1956	Lansdowne	107
Hoey, T. J.	Nov. 15, 1956	Union	108
Beck, J.	Dec. 31, 1956	Acacia	111
Kirkhope, J.	Dec. 31, 1956	Acacia	111
MacAlpine, J. G.	Dec. 31, 1956	Acacia	111
Abramson, J.	Dec. 30, 1956	Ophir	112
Beley, S.	Dec. 30, 1956	Ophir	112
Meltzer, A.	Dec. 30, 1956	Ophir	112
Patterson, Wm.	Dec. 30, 1956	Ophir	112
Zielke, E. F.	Dec. 30, 1956	Ophir	112
Beattie, A. M.	Jan. 30, 1956	Rivers	115
Richardson, A. T.	Jan. 30, 1956	Rivers	115
Williams, W. E.	Jan. 30, 1956	Rivers	115
Smith, W. E.	Dec. 30, 1956	Rivers	115
Edinborough, G. W.	Dec. 31, 1956	Strathcona	117
Sheen, J. H.	Dec. 31, 1956	Strathcona	117
Hagyard, J. M.	Feb. 23, 1956	Mound	118
D'Agorne, A. R.	June 30, 1956	Norwood	119
McLean, G. M.	June 30, 1956	Norwood	119
McPherson, J. A.	June 30, 1956	Norwood	119
Keast, A.	Dec. 31, 1956	Roblin	122
Read, T. W.	Dec. 31, 1956	Transcona	123
VanSlyck, P.	Dec. 31, 1956	Transcona	123
Young, H. C.	Dec. 31, 1956	Transcona	123
Hanna, J. T.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fort Garry	130
Stanbrook, F. S.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fort Garry	130
Copen, J.	Oct. 9, 1956	Kildonan	131
Rees, W. A.	Oct. 9, 1956	Kildonan	131
Jakubec, F. J.	Oct. 3, 1956	Sprague	132
Olenek, S.	Oct. 3, 1956	Sprague	132
Piper, A. C.	Oct. 3, 1956	Sprague	132
Watkins, R. T.	Dec. 31, 1956	McCreary	133
Wheeler, C. E. G. H.	Dec. 31, 1956	McCreary	133
Armstrong, G. E.	Dec. 31, 1956	Capitol	136
Duncan, Wm.	Dec. 31, 1956	Capitol	136
Emmert, L. W.	Dec. 31, 1956	Capitol	136
Hadden, L. C.	Dec. 31, 1956	Capitol	136
Ham, J. G.	Dec. 31, 1956	Capitol	136
Haldorson, P. W.	Dec. 31, 1956	Capitol	136
Scott, G. D.	Dec. 31, 1956	Capitol	136
Taylor, J.	Dec. 31, 1954	Lord Selkirk	137
Beley, E. W.	Dec. 31, 1956	Lord Selkirk	137
Brown, F. W. P.	Dec. 31, 1956	Lord Selkirk	137
Metcalf, H. C.	Dec. 31, 1956	Lord Selkirk	137
McIlvenna, E. N.	Dec. 31, 1956	Lord Selkirk	137
Brown, J.	Dec. 31, 1956	Beaver	139
Eddie, A. R.	Dec. 31, 1956	Beaver	139

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Levy, J.	Feb. 1, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Bernstein, H. N.	Dec. 31, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Heppner, M.	Dec. 31, 1956	Mount Sinai	143
Allen, R. C.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Dowle, G. F.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Harris, J. H.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Procter, G. W.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Simms, D. E.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fort Osborne	144
Luetchford, W. G.	Dec. 31, 1956	Sturgeon Creek	145
McFetridge, D. B. S.	Dec. 31, 1956	Sturgeon Creek	145
Nyren, J. H.	Dec. 31, 1956	Sturgeon Creek	145
Bryant, K. G.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fidelity	146
Latham, W. H.	Dec. 31, 1956	Fidelity	146
Herron, A. L.	Dec. 31, 1956	Seven Oaks	148
Maguire, R. W.	June 30, 1956	Flin Flon	153
Clarke, A. C.	Jan. 17, 1956	Carman	155
Leslie, S.	Jan. 17, 1955	Carman	155
Aldcroft, W. L.	Dec. 31, 1956	Carman	155
George, A. V.	Dec. 31, 1956	Carman	155
Harrison, H. B.	Dec. 31, 1956	Carman	155
Caron, J. W.	Jan. 27, 1956	Fenwick	158
Monkhouse, J. T.	Dec. 31, 1956	Starbuck	160
Watson, S.	Dec. 31, 1956	Charleswood	163
Magnusson, M. J. G.	Dec. 27, 1956	Harry Woods	164
Clark, A. O.	Dec. 31, 1956	Friendship	165
Sangster, G.	Mar. 14, 1956	Woodworth	166

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McLean, C. H.	Sep. 21, 1956	Emerson	6

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas. Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCuaig	†J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Munroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conklin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	†J. J. Johnston	*H. D. P. Le Chappellain	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCuaig	†John Smith	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	†J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	†Thos. Colins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J.D O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thos. Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	†F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†C. N. Mitchell	*Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	*Rev. John Wells
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A.Ovas	*John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbie
1906	*John McKechnie	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville

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1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott
1915	*William Fenwick	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	*Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	*C. F. Hasselfield	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett	*Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. J Jackson	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	*Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*James G. Dagg	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	*James A. Ovas		Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	*Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	*A. L. Crossin	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	*Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	*Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	*Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		†Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	*Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	*Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	*George Hunter	*James Mackie	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	*George Hunter	*Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	*George Hunter	*Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	*George Hunter	*Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	*Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas		*Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	*James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Alex Burgess	*James A. Ovas		*Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	*James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		*Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Buritt	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	*Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas		†Bishop George R. Calvert
1935	Royal Burritt	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		†Bishop George R. Calvert
1936	*Harry Woods	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	*John T. Boyd	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	†BishopG.R.Calvert	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence	*J. J. Henderson	†BishopG.R.Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	*J. J. Henderson	†BishopG.R.Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Ben C. Parker	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	†BishopG.R.Calvert	S. H. Fahrni	*Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S. H. Fahrni	*Ben. C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1943	*Ben C. Parker	Sam Burland	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. H. B. Wallace
1945	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	*Alex. Burgess	*J. H. G. Russell		*Rev. H. B. Wallace
1946	M. S. Donovan	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	*Alex. Burgess	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		†Rev. E. A. Syms
1947	H. B. Donnelly	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Alex. Burgess	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		†Rev. E. A. Syms
1948	W. C. McDonald	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Hugh A. Innes	W. Percy White	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. R. S. Montgomery
1949	Harry Coddington	Chas. E. Cole	*Hugh A. Innes	G. A. McMorran	W. Percy White	*Dr. P. T. Pilkey		Rev. R. S. Montgomery
1950	Chas. E. Cole	F. H. Blythe	G. A. McMorran	H. H. Gray	W. Percy White	Harry Coddington		Rev. Canon Fredk. Hughes
1951	F. H. Blythe	G. A. McMorran	H. H. Gray	J. R. C. Evans	W. Percy White	Harry Coddington		Rev. Canon Fredk. Hughes
1952	G. A. McMorran	H. H. Gray	J. R. C. Evans	R. E. Emmett	W. Percy White	T. C. Jackson		†Rev. H. L. Newton
1953	H. H. Gray	J. R. C. Evans	R. E. Emmett	*J. F. Irwin	W. Percy White	T. C. Jackson		†Rev. H. L. Newton
1954	J. R. C. Evans	R. E. Emmett	*J. F. Irwin	D. Rothstein	W. Percy White	T. C. Jackson		Rev. J. E. Cooper
1955	R. E. Emmett	*J. F. Irwin	D. Rothstein	W. A. Prugh	J. P. Mowat	T. C. Jackson		Rev. C. R. Newcombe
1956	*J. F. Irwin	D. Rothstein	W. A. Prugh	W. D. G. Runions	J. P. Mowat	T. C. Jackson		Rev. C. R. Newcombe
1957	D. Rothstein	W. A. Prugh	W. D. G. Runions	A. J. Sawatzky	J. P. Mowat	T. C. Jackson		Rev. C. R. Newcombe

*Dead †Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	J. W. Woodward	W. K. Mulock	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	J. T. Howardson	John Norquay	Third Tuesday
A — 3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg	J. H. Suggitt	K. L. Bardal	Third Monday
A — 4	St. John's	Winnipeg	A. N. Robertson	T. L. Dodsworth	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Emerson	Wm. Forrest	K. C. R. Coulter	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	J. H. Muirhead	R. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Morris	G. L. Lewis	W. J. Hamblin	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	E. E. Lewis	Robt. Collier	Third Thursday
A — 11	Gladstone	Gladstone	R. J. Moss	T. H. Bell	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	W. J. Napper	M. R. Good	Second Thursday
13	Morden	Morden	D. C. Dack	W. L. Jessiman	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	R. B. Clarke	T. H. Murton	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	A. G. Hickling	H. G. Simpson	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon	G. E. M. Strange	A. G. Warr	Second Tuesday
21	Marquette	Portage la Prairie	H. E. Owens	G. G. Grigg	Fourth Monday
A — 24	Neepawa	Neepawa	R. W. McAmmond	A. Clark	Second Tuesday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	F. W. Christie	E. L. Hardie	First Monday
27	Glenwood	Souris	Forrest Brandon	J. A. Leslie	Fourth Friday
29	Carberry	Carberry	A. W. Ruckle	E. A. Berry	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	W. T. Boote	W. H. Bowler	First Wednesday
36	Doric	Boissevain	J. B. Whitfield	A. H. Gardner	Fourth Tuesday
39	Birtle	Birtle	R. B. Dickinson	W. J. Brown	Second Monday
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	H. F. Cassils	J. A. Whitlaw	Third Wednesday
43	Lebanon	Virden	N. C. Forsyth	J. C. Anderson	First Tuesday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	P. B. Dickson	P. W. Paul	Second Thursday
A — 48	Glenboro	Glenboro	J. H. Poole	W. Oliphant	Second Tuesday
49	Temple	MacGregor	A. S. Smith	J. F. W. Venn	Third Tuesday
50	Killarney	Killarney	R. E. Clark	J. C. Bate	Third Monday
51	Treherne	Treherne	John Smith	L. E. Staples	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	C. G. Jasper	A. A. Muir	First Tuesday
54	Oriental	Melita	Geo. Anderson Jr.	W. V. McLure	Fourth Tuesday
55	East Star	Gretna	Joseph Shaven	P. Schuppert	First Tuesday
62	Russell	Russell	H. M. Keay	H. E. Way	Second Tuesday
63	Holland	Holland	P. L. Graham	W. M. Scharff	Second Wednesday
64	Composite	Alexander	W. A. Rabe	W. R. Donogh	Third Thursday
A — 67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	E. S. Dixon	H. J. Williams	Third Monday
68	Vermillion	Dauphin	W. E. B. Wynes	J. A. Shields	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Roland	Geo. Nadin	K. G. Stocks	Second Thursday
71	Crystal	Crystal City	S. C. Wilson	G. S. Mutch	Second Tuesday

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74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	F. J. Armstrong	C. G. Webster	Second Monday
75	Gothic	Austin	K. K. Jedel	A. Johnston	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Napinka	G. T. Watson	J. S. Holland	First Wednesday
A — 82	Cypress	Cypress River	G. F. Nordman	G. A. Taggart	Fourth Monday
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	J. L. Rankin	F. J. Coombs	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Elgin	R. H. Code	J. W. Moffat	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	G. F. Goddard	A. H. Macdonald	First Tuesday
90	Midlothian	Miami	W. P. Amy	A. C. Orchard	Third Monday
A — 92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	N. S. McLean	C. W. McLean	Second Thursday
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	Roland Spiers	F. C. Davey	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram	Grandview	L. A. Maxwell	C. C. McVey	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	C. S. Tate	A. W. Knott	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	Allan Graham	D. Manwaring	Third Monday
102	Miniota	Miniota	D. J. Forsyth	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	A. R. Havard	J. R. Ivey	First Wednesday
104	Reston	Reston	J. H. Donald (Dec.)	John Cuthill	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	W. N. Cotton	W. I. Steen	First Thursday
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	T. D. McLean	W. A. Hunter	Third Tuesday
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	M. McBurney	A. H. Moir	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union	Brookdale	R. M. Mikkelson	Robt. Barrett	Third Thursday
A —109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	K. C. Horn	G. O. Couch	Third Wednesday
110	Kilwinning	Minto	M. S. McKinnon	W. J. Scott	Second Monday
A —111	Acacia	Winnipeg	H. R. Maltby	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir	Beausejour	P. R. Paulson	J. A. Longbottom	Third Friday
113	Tweed	Brandon	C. A. Reilly	H. S. Perdue	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	F. S. Cook	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	Rivers	Rivers	H. R. Dunn	B. J. D. Ellis	Last Monday
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	R. J. Carmichael	G. W. Wells	First Monday
117	Strathcona	Belmont	W. R. Harrison	R. D. Saunders	Fourth Tuesday
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	K. G. Graham	F. W. Perfect	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood	Norwood	D. J. Fisher	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120	Penza	Dominion City	D. F. F. B. Sutherland	H. T. Kelly	Fourth Tuesday
121	St. James	St. James	R. T. Campain	T. C. Macgregor (A)	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	Leslie Spear	J. Adam	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	A. J. Lewis	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	L. E. Weir	Wilf. Guymer	First Thursday
125	Patricia	Sperling	J. R. Soutar	J. J. Tjaden	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	C. R. Russenholt	E. R. S. Russenholt	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Winnipeg	D. C. Hodgert	A. D. Adamson	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	R. A. Thomas	H. S. Tax	Third Tuesday

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No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	R. H. Gregory	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	East Kildonan	R. A. Moorcroft	C. H. Cook	Second Tuesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	R. R. Robertson	Jas. Crout	Second Wednesday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	R. B. Dickinson	Thos. Hartley	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	Skuli Anderson	W. J. Law	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	J. E. Williams	Wm. Craik	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	E. W. Parsons	J. B. McClure	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	G. C. Goodrick	L. C. Welsh	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	L. W. Shackell	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	A. Ostrander	N. C. Law	Second Friday—a.m.
142	Harmony	Cardale	H. J. Mielke	E. A. Corbet	Third Thursday
143	Mount Sinai	Winnipeg	C. N. Kushner	M. A. Nitikman	Fourth Thursday
A —144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	D. B. Matthews	A. Laidlaw	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	St. James	Joseph Diggle	L. D. Bester	First Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	D. G. Firth	Wm. Wilson	First Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	W. E. Tadgell	D. W. Basarab	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	West Kildonan	R. T. McCullough	J. J. Douglas	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	R. N. McLennan	T. B. Poole	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	East Kildonan	C. M. Sinclair	R. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	Reg. Hadland	F. W. Tarrant	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	C. C. Merrell	W. A. Young	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	J. C. Caufield	B. H. Campbell	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	W. C. Fox	A. K. Stratton	Third Tuesday
156	Manitouwapa	Moosehorn	R. L. Baldwin	D. McFadyen	Third Tuesday
157	Rice Lake	Bissett	R. J. Minton	G. H. Lucas	First Friday
158	Fenwick	Brandon	C. G. Rankmore	H. M. Kerr	Fourth Friday
159	Newdale	Newdale	W. A. Clark	W. P. Everitt	First Thursday
160	Starbuck	Starbuck	Neil Simonsen	F. L. Topham	Second Monday
161	Fort Prince of Wales	Churchill	A. H. Murray	J. M. Kempton	First Wednesday
162	Ashlar	Norwood	G. B. Kirk	H. C. Woods	First Tuesday
163	Charleswood	Charleswood	I. L. Wood	C. F. Hayward	Second Monday
164	Harry Woods	Lundar	W. F. Breckman	G. Paulson	Fourth Tuesday
165	Friendship	Fort Garry	J. E. Rogers	W. C. Kinsman	First Thursday
166	Woodworth	Kenton	Wilbur Wright	A. C. Embury	Second Wednesday
167	Menorah	Winnipeg	M. J. Oretzki	A. J. Walkin	First Wednesday
A —168	Wheat City	Brandon	Wm. McCrory	J. W. Broatch	First Friday
169	Three Pillars	St. Vital	N. J. Haywood	E. Singleton	First Tuesday
U.D.	Lynn Lake	Lynn Lake	C. E. McKnight	T. L. J. Carter	Second Wednesday
U.D.	Gateway	Winnipeg	A. C. Fitch	W. C. Aitken	Second Monday

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1955	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1956
1	Prince Rupert's	12	14	14	4	1	4	3	0	12	433	..	431
2	Lisgar	11	10	12	2	4	0	6	0	6	201	..	206
3	Ancient Landmark	14	13	12	1	1	3	6	0	16	374	..	365
4	St. John's	18	17	17	0	0	2	0	0	19	600	..	597
6	Emerson	8	8	5	1	0	2	0	1	3	75	..	78
7	Assiniboine	11	10	10	1	0	2	2	0	3	279	..	284
8	King Solomon	4	7	6	1	1	4	1	0	2	85	..	84
10	Northern Light	19	14	14	1	0	4	0	0	10	374	..	380
11	Gladstone	4	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	109	..	111
12	Stonewall	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	4	132	..	129
13	Morden	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	82	..	81
14	Prince of Wales	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	3	126	..	123
15	Corinthian	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	69	..	68
19	Brandon	3	2	2	3	0	6	3	0	5	259	–1	250
21	Marquette	3	3	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	42	..	44
24	Neepawa	7	8	8	1	0	2	2	0	5	164	..	163
25	Ionic	18	20	21	0	0	5	10	0	19	649	..	633
27	Glenwood	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	153	..	155
29	Carberry	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	..	77
30	Manitou	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	..	81
36	Doric	1	1	1	2	0	2	3	0	0	116	..	114
39	Birtle	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	68	..	71
40	Deloraine	4	9	9	2	1	1	1	0	0	94	..	99
43	Lebanon	5	5	5	3	0	2	0	0	2	111	–1	114
44	Oak Lake	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	36	..	34
48	Glenboro	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	70	..	70
49	Temple	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	73	..	75
50	Killarney	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	81	..	78
51	Treherne	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	63	..	65
52	Hartney	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	105	..	105

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1955	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1956
54	Oriental	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	79	..	77
55	East Star	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	50	..	55
62	Russell	4	4	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	72	..	75
63	Holland	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	56	..	57
64	Composite	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	58	..	55
67	Wawanesa	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	64	..	63
68	Vermillion	8	3	8	3	1	3	2	0	7	209	..	209
70	Shiloh	2	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	77	..	77
71	Crystal	3	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	83	..	84
74	Elkhorn	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	50	..	48
75	Gothic	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	52	..	53
77	Napinka	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	59	..	55
82	Cypress	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	41	..	41
84	Hamiota	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	81	..	77
86	Elgin	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	68	..	68
87	Rathwell	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	28	..	27
90	Midlothian	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	67	..	64
92	Shoal Lake	3	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	3	71	..	72
93	King Edward	6	7	7	1	1	6	1	0	5	310	..	306
94	Hiram	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	83	..	82
100	Robbie Burns	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	..	39
101	Binscarth	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	..	32
102	Miniota	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	50	..	48
103	Crescent	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	88	..	84
104	Reston	2	2	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	174	..	171
105	Prince Arthur	2	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	4	113	..	107
106	Strathclair	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	..	65
107	Lansdowne	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	51	..	47
108	Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	61	..	59
109	Swan Lake	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	45	..	47

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1955	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1956
110	Kilwinning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	56	..	54
111	Acacia	31	22	22	0	2	2	3	0	6	349	..	371
112	Ophir	2	3	3	1	0	0	5	0	2	91	..	87
113	Tweed	12	12	12	0	0	2	0	0	4	288	..	294
114	"The Assiniboine"	11	11	17	1	0	5	0	0	10	388	..	385
115	Rivers	10	4	4	2	1	2	5	0	1	124	..	129
116	St. Andrew's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	..	40
117	Strathcona	2	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	2	63	..	61
118	Mound	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	72	..	74
119	Norwood	15	14	12	6	1	3	3	0	7	337	..	346
120	Penza	3	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	54	..	57
121	St. James	14	12	12	2	0	3	0	0	5	303	..	311
122	Roblin	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	64	..	63
123	Transcona	4	5	5	0	0	1	3	0	1	161	..	160
124	The Pas	4	2	5	1	0	1	0	0	1	151	..	154
125	Patricia	6	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	52	..	57
126	Favel	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	52	..	52
127	Empire	15	15	17	2	0	1	0	0	6	224	..	234
128	Victory	1	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	58	..	56
130	Fort Garry	20	18	18	1	0	3	2	0	4	357	..	369
131	Kildonan	10	10	10	2	0	2	2	0	3	155	..	160
132	Sprague	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	30	..	29
133	McCreary	4	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	1	64	..	64
134	Stony Mountain	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	84	..	79
136	Capitol	19	24	22	1	0	4	7	0	6	348	..	351
137	Lord Selkirk	9	8	8	1	0	1	5	0	3	180	..	181
138	Windsor	10	9	16	1	0	12	0	0	4	263	..	258
139	Beaver	10	11	12	0	1	0	2	0	7	335	..	337
140	Meridian	15	15	8	0	0	4	0	0	9	400	..	402
141	Tuscan	7	7	7	1	1	1	0	0	0	123	..	131

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1956—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1955	Adjustments	Membership Dec. 31, 1956
142	Harmony	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	34	..	33
143	Mount Sinai	17	16	14	1	0	4	3	0	6	368	..	373
144	Fort Osborne	10	9	10	2	2	1	5	0	6	270	..	272
145	Sturgeon Creek	11	11	12	0	0	4	3	0	1	191	..	194
146	Fidelity	20	20	15	0	0	1	2	0	6	312	..	323
147	Jubilee	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	..	77
148	Seven Oaks	15	15	10	1	1	2	1	0	2	151	..	163
150	Cartwright	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	45	..	46
151	The Dormer	13	12	12	1	0	2	0	0	0	139	..	151
152	Foxwarren	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	40	..	38
153	Flin Flon	10	9	10	1	0	2	1	0	2	191	..	197
154	Pine Falls	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	89	..	91
155	Carman	2	2	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	84	..	81
156	Manitouwapa	3	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	78	..	80
157	Rice Lake	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	53	..	52
158	Fenwick	9	10	8	2	1	5	1	0	0	183	..	189
159	Newdale	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	..	40
160	Starbuck	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	71	..	71
161	Fort Prince of Wales	15	14	18	3	0	4	0	0	2	113	−1	124
162	Ashlar	8	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	83	..	90
163	Charleswood	8	8	8	2	0	2	1	0	1	79	..	85
164	Harry Woods	3	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	65	..	66
165	Friendship	15	10	7	3	0	2	1	0	2	118	..	131
166	Woodworth	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	40	..	41
167	Menorah	18	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	67	..	86
168	Wheat City	7	6	6	22	0	1	0	0	2	39	..	65
U.D.	Three Pillars	8	8	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	.....	+52	61
	Totals	650	619	621	126	31	172	131	1	310	15833	+49	16075

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

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		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's	9	5	14	132	299	63	14	171.50	567.29	1,591.54	1,068.80	22,307.57	1,800.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	6	15	92	273	85	33	439.50	85.34	534.82	1.464.00	37,150.06	2,400.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's	9	9	18	170	427	107	25	300.00	175.00	1,431.71	557.00	41,777.74	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light	9	4	13	105	275	60	13	128.00	1,070.00	2,995.54	218.00	18,506.47	500.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic	10	8	18	176	457	100	49	884.00	214.82	3,511.48	1,928.50	65,550.38	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward	9	5	14	71	235	52	18	180.00	132.30	1,748.59	332.00	655.10	2,500.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia	9	11	20	67	304	77	36	370.75	290.00	297.01	1,295.48	16,958.43	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	9	6	15	103	282	65	4	53.00	1,029.65	1,229.96	.....	31,097.88	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
119	Norwood	9	11	20	61	285	75	15	154.00	375.94	1,204.07	306.00	17,987.01	18,000.00	Active	1	Own
121	St. James	9	9	18	41	270	78	11	114.00	260.75	809.00	612.35	16,877.93	3,000.00	Active	1	Rent
127	Empire	9	13	22	41	193	55	24	312.00	364.19	2,854.65	345.25	23,756.37	15,000.00	Active	1	Own
162	Ashlar	9	7	16	7	83	32	8	88.00	.....	1,052.00	382.00	3,520.08	.....	Active	1	Rent
165	Friendship	9	8	17	14	117	50	2	25.00	.....	3,199.85	587.75	3,319.63	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

7	Assiniboine	10	8	18	109	175	45	57	587.00	681.60	2,630.19	2,691.01	14,455.28	34,000.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone	11	2	13	39	72	30	14	161.35	11.50	212.35	.....	7,712.35	6,000.00	Active	1	Own
21	Marquette	10	1	11	3	41	28	....	.....	3.00	436.51	36.00	1,056.51	200.00	Active	1	Rent
24	Neepawa	10	3	13	63	100	36	12	140.00	100.00	737.49	488.95	5,888.84	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry	10	1	11	31	46	21	8	62.00	45.25	210.30	.....	4,010.30	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple	12	1	13	35	40	25	17	119.00	.....	402.55	.....	12,902.55	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
75	Gothic	12	0	12	23	30	16	7	72.00	.....	176.73	.....	2,676.73	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
108	Union	12	1	13	19	40	26	32	308.00	.....	176.28	.....	4,026.28	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
116	St. Andrew's	11	1	12	24	16	12	7	60.00	27.75	331.43	.....	3,806.43	6,000.00	Active	1	Own
133	McCreary	12	1	13	19	45	25	14	160.00	10.00	243.95	.....	4,743.95	4,000.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
48	Glenboro	10	1	11	21	49	20	13	91.00	185.78	510.55	.....	860.55	700.00	Active	2	Rent
51	Treherne	10	1	11	27	38	23	15	184.00	5.25	183.37	2,160.00	5,723.87	5,000.00	Active	2	Own
63	Holland	10	....	10	28	29	21	6	54.00	.....	492.25	.....	6,140.15	5,800.00	Active	2	Own
67	Wawanesa	10	2	12	20	43	18	11	160.00	32.60	377.29	.....	1,177.29	350.00	Active	2	Rent
82	Cypress	10	....	10	16	25	12	5	42.00	.....	781.50	.....	1,381.50	800.00	Active	2	Rent
87	Rathwell	9	....	9	11	16	11	3	28.00	.....	791.60	.....	1,084.75	300.00	Active	2	Rent
103	Crescent	10	1	11	26	58	23	13	192.00	.....	450.29	3,060.00	13,390.29	10,000.00	Active	2	Own
109	Swan Lake	8	2	10	15	32	20	5	70.00	.....	360.96	.....	3,060.96	2,000.00	Active	2	Own
117	Strathcona	12	....	12	7	54	19	1	7.50	29.00	747.70	.....	3,947.70	1,000.00	Active	2	Rent
160	Starbuck	10	....	10	2	69	23	4	40.00	.....	767.02	.....	8,417.02	7,750.00	Active	2	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

13	Morden	10	1	11	40	41	23	16	130.00	.....	537.69	.....	2,282.69	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Manitou	11	....	11	30	51	19	9	74.00	.....	592.51	500.00	4,292.51	5,650.00	Active	1	Own
36	Doric	10	1	11	36	78	25	16	112.00	23.86	194.48	500.00	12,094.48	12,000.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney	12	1	13	30	48	18	5	30.00	.....	263.90	.....	3,513.90	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal	12	1	13	30	54	19	9	62.00	43.65	1,095.48	.....	2,195.48	200.00	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound	11	....	11	17	57	15	15	270.00	48.25	148.15	.....	7,898.15	5,000.00	Active	1	Own
150	Cartwright	10	....	10	16	30	12	15	168.00	.....	834.58	.....	1,034.58	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
14	Prince of Wales	10	1	11	51	72	27	26	312.00	.....	545.86	.....	9,339.20	9,500.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian	12	....	12	41	27	17	13	172.00	.....	1,195.95	1,234.92	5,461.00	6,000.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle	11	....	11	22	49	21	4	30.00	83.50	395.09	.....	6,516.34	8,000.00	Active	1	Own
62	Russell	10	1	11	26	49	25	12	94.00	46.50	374.67	.....	7,124.67	5,200.00	Active	1	Own
84	Hamiota	12	....	12	16	61	16	6	49.00	20.24	929.59	.....	1,429.59	250.00	Active	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake	10	2	12	43	29	14	13	99.00	39.25	447.84	570.75	2,070.09	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
101	Binscarth	10	....	10	12	20	11	5	60.00	.....	104.63	.....	854.63	750.00	Active	1	Rent
102	Miniota	9	....	9	23	25	12	9	75.00	9.50	169.30	63.90	4,105.40	3,925.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair	12	2	14	23	42	22	1	6.00	50.00	213.20	.....	3,603.20	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers	10	8	18	69	60	35	23	300.00	.....	302.33	3,126.61	17,675.72	10,500.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony	11	....	11	12	21	15	1	10.00	.....	480.69	.....	980.69	500.00	Active	1	Rent
152	Foxwarren	11	....	11	14	24	15	....	.....	.....	367.27	.....	1,667.27	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
159	Newdale	12	4	16	12	28	17	3	40.00	.....	583.47	.....	1,583.47	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
166	Woodworth	12	....	12	4	37	23	....	.....	40.50	735.58	39.12	1,496.46	800.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

27	Glenwood	10	2	12	69	86	30	25	221.00	61.59	1,061.54	68.37	23,793.17	19,700.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine	12	3	15	20	79	30	21	303.00	30.20	2,189.52	.....	22,289.52	16,500.00	Active	1	Own
52	Hartney	12	....	12	25	80	42	13	105.00	60.00	1,341.33	195.75	3,036.08	1,890.50	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental	12	....	12	26	51	23	2	16.00	51.25	1,730.99	184.75	3,251.24	600.00	Fair	1	Rent
77	Napinka	11	....	11	22	33	16	10	112.00	.....	375.76	.....	1,775.76	.....	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin	10	....	10	16	52	24	4	35.00	.....	103.57	.....	1,303.57	800.00	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston	12	2	14	54	117	33	24	216.00	65.00	678.32	512.00	13,198.32	15,500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning	12	1	13	17	37	19	14	112.00	24.80	160.98	492.00	2,568.98	2,900.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con-dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon	10	8	18	80	170	30	40	400.00	151.08	1,579.06	.....	11,379.06	500.00	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon	10	1	11	51	63	31	11	93.50	215.30	676.84	117.61	2,659.25	450.00	Active	1	Rent
44	Oak Lake	11	....	11	14	20	10	4	48.00	49.80	122.87	200.00	4,172.87	3,500.00	Active	1	Own
64	Composite	10	....	10	21	34	12	....	.....	62.71	47.32	34.50	2,112.82	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
74	Elkhorn	11	....	11	20	28	11	7	70.00	.....	378.13	130.00	5,179.13	4,800.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne	9	1	10	19	28	8	7	63.00	.....	73.12	.....	4,873.12	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
113	Tweed	10	8	18	104	190	30	38	304.00	190.00	779.75	471.54	23,797.21	.....	Active	1	Rent
158	Fenwick	10	9	19	56	133	29	14	108.00	45.00	1,906.11	144.00	5,117.73	500.00	Active	1	Rent
168	Wheat City	10	2	12	19	46	22	11	64.75	.....	709.05	319.15	722.70	700.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

6	Emerson	12	5	17	28	50	22	2	24.00	121.55	1,338.13	.....	21,638.13	14,500.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Solomon	12	4	16	29	55	24	9	98.00	21.00	766.74	80.46	21,360.88	17,200.00	Active	1	Own
55	East Star	12	....	12	41	14	10	8	96.00	.....	132.74	53.25	2,079.49	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
70	Shiloh	10	1	11	29	48	26	12	90.00	172.00	159.52	.....	11,336.52	10,150.00	Active	1	Own
90	Midlothian	10	1	11	23	41	13	9	98.00	.....	568.12	.....	1,935.72	200.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza	11	1	12	17	40	17	4	70.00	.....	716.27	1,170.00	3,146.27	1,100.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia	10	....	10	18	39	25	....	.....	.....	438.39	563.95	9,104.44	9,800.00	Active	1	Own
132	Sprague	7	1	8	17	12	7	5	58.00	.....	110.18	.....	410.18	500.00	Dorm.	1	Rent
155	Carman	10	1	11	22	59	23	15	128.00	70.40	923.82	111.37	1,612.45	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

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		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
68	Vermillion	10	....	10	79	130	43	21	317.00	.....	365.29	2,369.13	10,122.62	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
94	Hiram	11	....	11	39	43	16	20	258.00	.....	94.37	500.00	5,344.37	6,000.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns	10	....	10	18	21	12	7	56.00	.....	422.97	.....	1,172.97	.....	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur	12	....	12	41	66	25	18	210.00	.....	677.85	.....	13,677.85	11,000.00	Active	1	Own
122	Roblin	11	1	12	18	45	25	5	75.00	.....	585.99	.....	16,385.99	12,800.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel	12	2	14	17	35	19	9	110.00	.....	122.36	.....	2,472.36	1,700.00	Active	1	Own
128	Victory	9	3	12	30	26	15	8	76.00	.....	368.47	.....	1,318.47	450.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee	10	2	12	25	52	15	19	310.80	61.65	345.00	50.00	1,295.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

2	Lisgar	9	7	16	35	171	46	15	140.00	209.00	1,601.09	.....	19,601.09	19,000.00	Active	2	Own
12	Stonewall	12	3	15	39	90	32	8	100.00	144.32	423.79	.....	6,723.79	5,700.00	Active	2	Own
112	Ophir	10	1	11	21	66	26	23	252.00	.....	565.07	.....	12,065.07	11,000.00	Active	1	Own
123	Transcona	9	5	14	28	132	35	31	380.50	167.00	2,230.12	.....	7,245.92	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan	9	9	18	30	130	46	16	168.00	283.15	190.58	139.25	1,788.30	750.00	Active	2	Rent
134	Stony Mountain	9	1	10	19	60	23	7	95.50	137.00	681.07	.....	5,081.07	3,400.00	Active	2	Own
148	Seven Oaks	9	8	17	20	143	48	13	165.00	229.05	6,681.42	245.75	14,371.14	1,000.00	Active	2	Rent
151	The Dormer	9	9	18	13	138	45	15	187.00	192.00	1,263.54	156.00	2,851.54	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Pine Falls	10	1	11	33	58	27	13	69.50	112.05	842.81	119.12	5,393.21	750.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa	9	1	10	34	46	25	14	115.00	186.26	1361.42	232.20	9,020.22	7,500.00	Active	2	Own
164	Harry Woods	12	1	13	....	66	24	13	175.30	89.75	788.71	.....	912.91	600.00	Active	2	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

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		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry	9	7	16	72	297	90	33	453.00	457.02	369.00	820.53	13,782.69	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	9	8	17	51	300	106	43	574.00	728.00	2,042.54	544.00	11,498.54	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk	9	6	15	31	150	54	14	141.00	263.34	2,342.31	107.00	7,935.31	1,100.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windsor	9	10	19	41	217	61	23	246.00	180.00	367.26	553.29	62,702.09	58,000.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	8	17	92	245	53	51	552.00	435.00	1,089.65	679.33	8,420.32	500.00	Active	1	Rent
140	Meridian	9	5	14	66	336	97	47	556.00	590.43	2,196.09	831.00	22,714.87	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
141	Tuscan	9	....	9	15	116	46	23	325.00	99.44	1,345.60	.....	4,128.40	500.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai	9	3	12	43	330	57	57	676.00	72.00	2,993.88	1,814.44	15,607.23	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne	9	6	15	45	227	40	19	212.00	259.85	2,944.15	489.00	9,547.05	950.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek	9	9	18	35	159	48	32	442.00	189.67	2,704.71	.....	8,649.09	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	9	18	55	268	64	49	578.00	101.80	3,048.99	408.85	12,819.14	200.00	Active	1	Rent
163	Charleswood	10	4	14	14	71	33	6	56.00	108.50	1,367.30	.....	4,170.11	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
167	Menorah	9	9	18	....	86	32	....	.....	.....	1,482.79	205.00	1,279.79	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
U.D.	Three Pillars	6	3	9	....	61	32	1	12.00	.....	912.91	.....	912.91	.....	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE LODGES UNDER SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Members	Resident Members	Aver-Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. in arrears	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
124	The Pas	10	3	13	99	55	20	28	620.00	.....	813.42	183.98	1,029.44	11,400.00	Active	1	Own
153	Flin Flon	10	12	22	63	134	45	26	320.00	80.00	2,603.48	1,732.50	13,626.76	23,500.00	Active	1	Own
157	Rice Lake	10	....	10	24	28	22	24	140.00	34.00	349.22	.....	2,053.51	600.00	Active	1	Rent
161	Fort Prince of Wales	10	20	30	80	44	19	18	114.15	45.30	773.14	370.00	20,103.14	14,800.00	Active	1	Own

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Montgomery, P.O. Box 98
Alberta	E. H. Rivers	Calgary, Masonic Temple
Alpina (Switzerland)	Paul Wittmer (Col.)	Bogenschutzenstrasse 8, Berne
Argentina	Alcibiades Lappas	Buenos Aires, Cangallo 1242
Arizona	J. A. E. Ivey	Tucson, P.O. Box 1488
Arkansas	L. L. McDaniel	Little Rock, Masonic Temple
British Columbia	J. H. N. Morgan	Vancouver, 692 Seymour St.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco, 25 Van Ness Ave.
Canada (Ontario)	E. G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chile	Cesar Bunster C.	Santiago, Casilla 2867
Colombia	Enrique Arrazola	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	H. W. Bundy	Denver 2, 300 Masonic Temple 1614 Welton St.
Connecticut	Earle K. Haling	Hartford 3, Masonic Temple
Costa Rica	Rafael Obregon L.	San Jose, Apartado 3282
Cuba	Jose F. Castellanos	Havana, Apartado 72
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark, N.G.L.	Einar Hoeg	Copenhagen, 23 Blegsdamvej
District of Columbia	Raymond N. Babcock	Washington 5, Masonic Temple
Ecuador	S. E. P. Sanchez	Guayaquil, P.O. Box. 932
England	Sir Sydney A. White	London, Gt. Queen St.
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville 2, Masonic Temple
France, N.G.L.	V. Planque	Paris, 65 Boulevard Beniau, Neuilly-sur-Seine
France, G.L.	Georges Delbos	8 Rue Puteaux, Paris 17
Georgia	D. W. Locklin	Macon, 811 Mulberry St.
Guatemala	C. E. Bianchi	Guatemala City, Apartado 48
Honduras	Tiburcio Guerrero, D.	Tegucigalpa, Box 28, (Honduras, C.A.)
Iceland, N.G.L.	Olafur Gislason	Reykjavik, P.O. Box 404
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush	Boise, P.O. Box 1677
Illinois	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg, P.O. Box 441
Indiana	Dwight L. Smith	Indianapolis, Masonic Temple
Iowa	Earl B. Delzell	Cedar Rapids, Masonic Temple
Ireland	J. O. Harte	Dublin, 17 Molesworth St.
Kansas	Arthur H. Strickland	Topeka, 320 West 8th. St.
Kentucky	A. E. Orton	Louisville, 1000 South 4th St.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens Jr.	New Orleans, 333 St. Charles St.
Maine	Earle D. Webster	Portland, Masonic Temple
Manitoba	Thos. C. Jackson	Winnipeg 2, Masonic Temple
Maryland	Claude Shaffer	Baltimore, Masonic Temple
Massachusetts	Earl W. Taylor	Boston 16, 51 Boylston Ave.
Mexico, Y.G.L.	Henry A. Robinson	Mexico 1, D.F. Apartado 1986
Michigan	C. T. Sherman	Grand Rapids, Masonic Temple
Minnesota	D. E. Palmer	St. Paul, Masonic Temple
Mississippi	Sid. F. Curtis	Meridian, P.O. Box 1030
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	St. Louis, 3681 Lindell Blvd.
Montana	Byron F. Gaither	Helena, P.O. Box 1158
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Omaha, 401 Masonic Temple
Netherlands	Dr. P. J. VanLoo	The Hague, Fluwelen Burgwal 22
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City, P.O. Box 467
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John, P.O. Box 430
New Hampshire	Harold O. Cady	Concord, P.O. Box 299
New Jersey	H. C. Whildey	Trenton 10, 100 Willow St.
New Mexico	Chandler C. Thomas	Albuquerque, P.O. Box 535
New South Wales	James S. Miller	Sydney, 279 Castlereagh St.
New York	Edward R. Carman	New York 10, 71 West 23rd St.
New Zealand	F. G. Northern	Wellington, P.O. Box 1833
North Carolina	W. L. McIver	Raleigh, P.O. Box 3068
North Dakota	Harold S. Pond	Fargo, P.O. Box 1269
Norway	Odd Lie-Davidsen	Oslo, N. Voldgate 19
Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax, P.O. Box 214
Ohio	H. S. Johnson	Worthington, 634 High St.
Oklahoma	J. F. Latham	Guthrie, Masonic Temple

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Oregon	H. D. Proudfoot	Portland, 1119 S.W. Park
Panama	Nathan A. Reid	Panama, Apartado 84
Paraiba	Arnaldo I. Sales	Paraiba, P.O. Box 3 Joro Pessar (Brazil)
Pennsylvania	George A. Avery	Philadelphia 7, Masonic Temple
Philippines	Mauro Baradi	Manila, 1440 San Marcelino
Prince Edward Island	F. A. VanIderstine	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 337
Puerto Rico	Emiliano Isales	P.O. Box 8385, Santurce, San Juan.
Quebec	R. W. Louthood	Montreal, 1559 St. Marks St.
Queensland	V. J. Carter	Brisbane, Box 675K, G.P.O.
Rhode Island	N. Arthur Hyland	Providence, Masonic Temple
Rio de Janeiro	Miguel Claro	Rio de Janeiro, P.O. Box 2215
Santa Domingo	J. M. Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robt. A. Tate	Regina, Masonic Temple
Sao Paulo	Erwin Seignemartin	Sao Paulo, P.O. Box 8348
Scotland	Dr. Alex. F. Buchan	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Australia	F. J. Ellen	Adelaide, Box 19, Rundle St. P.O.
South Carolina	H. F. Collins	Columbia, 502 Palmetto State Life Bldg.
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls, P.O. Box 468
Tasmania	H. A. Wilkinson	Hobart, 117 Macquarrie St.
Tennessee	Thos. E. Doss	Nashville 2, P.O. Box 216
Texas	Harvey C. Byrd	Waco, P.O. Box 446
Utah	C. M. Groshell	Salt Lake City, 650 E. South Temple St.
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington, Masonic Temple
Victoria	C. W. Davis	Melbourne, 25 Collins St.
Virginia	James N. Hillman	Richmond, Masonic Temple
Washington	J. I. Preisener	Tacoma 3, Masonic Temple
West Virginia	J. B. Hollingsworth	Charleston 28, P.O. Box 2346
Western Australia	N. J. Munro	Perth, Box d-117 G.P.O.
Wisconsin	P. W. Grossenbach, Jr.	Milwaukee, 705 E. Wells St.
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper, P.O. Box 459

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Montgomery	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	W. H. Jackson	Innisfail	Mar. 19, 1954
Alpina (Switzerland)	Wm. Planta	Berne	Sept. 2, 1941
Argentina	Cesar de Madariaga	Buenos Aires	Apr. 21, 1954
Arizona			
Arkansas	C. F. Dorough	Conway	Aug. 12, 1955
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1940
Canada (In Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto	Mar. 22, 1944
Chile	Artouro de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Humbert Rees	Rifle	Oct. 12, 1955
Connecticut	F. M. Ross	Waterbury	June 6, 1955
Costa Rica	M. J. Piza Gabriel	Cartago	Dec. 18, 1952
Cuba	T. E. Sierra	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	A. T. K. Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 4, 1946
District of Columbia	Convass B. Dean	Arlington (Va.)	Aug. 8, 1949
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Florida	Norman F. Six	Tampa	June 20, 1955
France, G.L.	Maurice Thiriart	Paris	1945
France, N.G.L.	G. H. Hargreaves	Paris	Feb. 22, 1952
Guatemala	D. W. Orbough	Guatemala City	May 23, 1954
Georgia	H. Sol. Clark	Savannah	Oct. 5, 1953
Honduras	J. M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	D. H. Dawson	Chicago	Sep. 29, 1956
Indiana	Guy L. Roberts	Indianapolis	Sept. 15, 1951
Iowa	C. D. Jory	Sheldon	May 20, 1953
Iceland	Elias Halldorsson	Reykjavik	Oct. 19, 1956
Ireland	R. H. Dickson	Belfast	Jan. 3, 1957
Kansas	Homer C. Anderson	Topeka	Mar. 8, 1951
Kentucky	F. W. Gallagher	Louisville	Oct. 15, 1953
Louisiana	Luther W. Griffis	New Orleans	Aug. 8, 1955
Maine	Geo. R. Caswell	Augusta	Apr. 14, 1952
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Roger A. Vint	Malden	Nov. 28, 1950
Mexico, Y.G.L.	A. W. Lloyd	Guadelajara	June 6, 1957
Michigan	Joseph L. Hunter	Beaverton	Nov. 12, 1954
Minnesota	C. E. Hegman	Edina	June 27, 1949
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	Apr. 19, 1932
Missouri	H. C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	J. C. Haglund	Cut Bank	June 15, 1954
Nebraska	E. C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1943
Netherlands	Dr. M. Ten Cate	Amsterdam	Apr. 16, 1948
Nevada	S. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	Apr. 14, 1939
New Hampshire	D. W. Hopkins	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	Evi Ware	Pleasantville	May 22, 1956
New Mexico	J. G. Benton	Jal	Dec. 4, 1945
New South Wales	S. A. Taplan	Drummoyne	Aug. 5, 1947
New York	B. L. Rodee	Canton	Oct. 1, 1954
New Zealand	R. W. Carpenter	Hawk's Bay	Mar. 4, 1948
North Carolina	W. F. Owens	Greenville	1946
North Dakota	Harold S. Pond	Fargo	Mar. 4, 1953
Norway	Christian Brun	Oslo	Mar. 21, 1956
Nova Scotia	Rev. D. M. Sinclair	Halifax	Dec. 31, 1954
Ohio	F. R. Dwyer	Bradford	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma	J. Gard Duncan	Wapanucka	Dec. 31, 1946
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Andres Mojica	Panama	Jan. 20, 1953
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba	July 10, 1939
Philippines	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Puerto Rico	Leon G. Reyes	Caguas	May 4, 1945
Prince Edward Island	Frank S. Myers	Crapaud	June 20, 1953
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	W. P. Walker	Brisbane	Dec. 28, 1955
Rhode Island	H. V. Allen	Warwick	July 29, 1948
Rio de Janeiro	Arthur R. Guimares	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 6, 1954
Sao Paulo	Graciano Setti Spina	Sao Paulo	Aug. 23, 1956
Saskatchewan	F. C. Hayes	Swift Current	July 23, 1945
Scotland	D. M. Watson	Glasgow	Aug. 19, 1948
South Australia	H. C. Souter	Adelaide	May 13, 1954
South Carolina	Wm. W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	Jess. H. Thorpe	Watertown	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	Apr. 24, 1928
Tennessee	H. H. Harter	Clarksville	Mar. 2, 1953
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah	G. F. Bywater	Salt Lake City	Nov. 14, 1956
Vermont	A. H. Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan. 5, 1944
Victoria	E. J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	Hugh Reid	Arlington	Nov. 21, 1949
Washington	G. L. Buck	Seattle	Mar. 1, 1951
West Virginia	C. C. Dunaway	Charleston	Nov. 12, 1955
Western Australia			
Wisconsin	R. H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

Grand Lodge	Representatives	Address	Date
Alabama	A. C. Orchard	Miami	Apr. 15, 1957
Alberta	H. M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	S. H. Fahrni	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 16, 1952
Argentina	A. E. Duff	Winnipeg	May 4, 1957
Arizona	A. D. Blair	Alexander	Aug. 6, 1953
Arkansas	George H. Lucas	Bissett	Aug. 20, 1952
British Columbia	J. C. Grant	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1945
Canada (Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sep. 13, 1940
Chile	H. Bookhalter	Winnipeg	Apr. 12, 1956
Colombia	C. R. Beswatherick	Russell	
Colorado	A. A. MacDonald	Winnipeg	Apr. 8, 1957
Connecticut	N. C. Law	Winnipeg	Jan. 26, 1954
Costa Rica	J. D. Lloyd	Emerson	Feb. 7, 1949
Cuba	W. P. White	Winnipeg	Mar. 16, 1954
Delaware	J. G. Wiechman	Treherne	Mar. 18, 1952
Denmark	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1951
District of Columbia	A. C. Cabel	Winnipeg	Aug. 5, 1949
Ecuador	S. W. Robertson	Winnipeg	Apr. 26, 1946
England	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	Feb. 3, 1954
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	Apr. 30, 1945
France, N.G.L.	Chas. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar. 3, 1937
France, G.L.	John Norquay	Winnipeg	
Guatemala	H. S. Perdue	Brandon	May 29, 1957
Georgia	W. A. Prugh	Brandon	June 5, 1947
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Iceland, N.G.L.	J. K. Laxdal	Winnipeg	
Idaho	S. J. Sametz	Winnipeg	Mar. 7, 1949
Illinois	W. K. Mulock	Winnipeg	Apr. 9, 1957
Indiana	R. E. Emmett	St. James	Apr. 3, 1944
Iowa	G. A. McMorran	Souris	May 28, 1953
Ireland	H. Coddington	Winnipeg	Oct. 14, 1950
Kansas	John Cuthill	Reston	Feb. 27, 1953
Kentucky	J. D. McKinlay	Winnipeg	May 23, 1951
Louisiana	Chas. E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Winnipeg	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland	David Ferguson	Moosehorn	Nov. 5, 1945
Massachusetts	P. G. Hawkins	Winnipeg	Jan. 17, 1951
Mexico, Y.G.L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	A. J. Sawatzky	Morris	May 23, 1949
Minnesota	F. H. Blythe	Winnipeg	Feb. 5, 1952
Mississippi	J. Reid Glenn	Winnipeg	Dec. 20, 1951
Missouri	T. C. Jackson	Winnipeg	Mar. 9, 1953
Montana	P. Hammonds	Brandon	Apr. 15, 1957
Nebraska	N. Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951
Netherlands	W. E. Glover	Roland	May 2, 1953
Nevada	J. P. Mowat	Winnipeg	June 30, 1950
New Brunswick	R. A. McKenzie	Roland	May 16, 1949
New Hampshire	W. D. G. Runions	Winnipeg	Nov. 22, 1948
New Jersey	David Rothstein	Winnipeg	Feb. 20, 1953
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 10, 1937
New South Wales	I. Zipursky	Winnipeg	July 21, 1953
New York	J. C. Bate	Killarney	Mar. 26, 1956
New Zealand	S. Burland	St. Vital	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robt. Peel	Miniota	Sept. 4, 1941
North Dakota	W. C. McDonald	Roland	Feb. 28, 1953
Norway	Walle Larsson	Winnipeg	Apr. 25, 1952
Nova Scotia	D. S. Woods	St. Vital	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	A. E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
Oklahoma	Jas. Mathewson	Eden	Mar. 6, 1957
Oregon	S. H. Dayton	Newdale	Mar. 2, 1956
Panama	Walter Dalzell	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 10, 1951

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Paraiba	E. S. Reeves	Lundar	Apr. 21, 1956
Philippines	G. Paulson	Charleswood	Dec. 10, 1956
Puerto Rico	G. V. Henderson	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	F. B. Lynes	Crystal City	June 3, 1948
Quebec	H. T. Waters	Winnipeg	May 17, 1940
Queensland	R. Collier	Winnipeg	Mar. 16, 1956
Rhode Island	J. R. C. Evans	Brandon	Oct. 18, 1945
Rio de Janeiro	H. L. Morrow	Melita	May 10, 1953
Santa Domingo	E. L. White	Winnipeg	1953
Saskatchewan	H. H. Gray	Winnipeg	Nov. 10, 1948
Scotland	Wm. Douglas	Winnipeg	Feb. 11, 1936
Sao Paulo	E. B. Litz	Rathwell	Aug. 20, 1951
South Australia	S. H. Allen	Winnipeg	May 13, 1957
South Carolina	W. M. Frame	Souris	Mar. 27, 1953
South Dakota	A. S. McCann	Winnipeg	Feb. 27, 1956
Tasmania	T. L. Dodsworth	Winnipeg	July 21, 1945
Tennessee	J. S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Winnipeg	Feb. 14, 1941
Utah	D. MacDonald	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont	E. M. Finkleman	Winnipeg	Apr. 30, 1956
Victoria	A. R. Dick	W.Kildonan	Apr. 8, 1953
Virginia	Clarence Hyde	Portage la Prairie	Nov 25, 1948
Washington	A W. Bodkin	Napinka	May 29, 1956
West Virginia	B. S. Parker	Winnipeg	May 10, 1954
Western Australia	J. B. McClure	St. Vital	Sept. 17, 1948
Wisconsin	G. J. Long	Emerson	Apr. 5, 1957

MASONIC REVIEWS
1956-1957
REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR

Chairman

The following reviews cover
all Grand Lodge Proceedings received
to June 1st, 1957

ALABAMA, 1956

A strong Grand Lodge both financially and numerically. Grand Master, Troy L. Nunn, travelled many miles in his duties laying Corner Stones, constituted two lodges and instituted two and delivered a number of addresses. No fraternal review, but Manitoba is listed as being recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

ALBERTA, 1956

The Grand Lodge of Alberta celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on October 14th, 1955, and had many distinguished visitors, among whom was R.W. Bro. Earl Alexander of Tunis, former Governor-General of Canada. Earl Alexander brought greetings from the Grand Lodge of England.

The guest speaker was M.W. Bro. Gilbert Blackstock, Q.C., a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Brother Blackstock reviewed the history of the Province of Alberta, which was also celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, and the history and accomplishments of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Reading this address makes one realize the progress and development that has taken place in Canada over a relatively short period of time of fifty years.

ARIZONA, 1956

74th Communication: M.W. Bro. Carey B. Wilson presiding; 49 Lodges, membership 10,688; net gain 452.

M.W. Bro. Wilson was invited to give the negative argument to the discussion held in the meeting of Grand Masters at Washington, D.C., on the question, "Should we change our theory of non-solicitation for the Degrees?" In his opinion he held to the belief that it was the will and pleasure of Masons in Arizona: That we should never change that theory but should ever cling to the tenet, "That every petitioner for the Degrees must come forward of his own free will and accord."

In closing his address he quoted the words of Edwin Markham as his sincere belief: "There is a destiny which makes us Brothers; no one goes his way alone; all that we send into the lives of others, comes back into our own."

CALIFORNIA, 1956

M.W. Bro. Edgar V. Stewart, Jr., presiding: 662 Chartered Lodges, membership 229,738; net gain 4,851.

In his address, Wakefield Taylor, the Grand Orator, dealt entirely with the life of Benjamin Franklin, and from it drew a lesson for Masons. He stated that there are many who strongly contend that between the time of Leonardo Da Vinci and the present day there never lived a genius of such diversity of interests and accomplishments as Benjamin Franklin. He sprang from very modest background, the son of a poor candle-maker, and was the fifteenth child of a family of seventeen. He left home at the age of seventeen, and by the time he had arrived at the age of forty-four had amassed a considerable fortune. The remainder of his life (over forty years) was devoted to the services of his fellowman.

Franklin's Masonic career was no less impressive. He was initiated in 1731 and three years later, at the age of twenty-eight, became a Grand Master of Pennsylvania. It is likely that as Grand Master he laid the corner stone of Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

When in France in 1776 on diplomatic service, he affiliated with Masonic Lodges in France and assisted in the initiation of Voltaire.

Had Franklin lived in this day and generation, he would have qualified for a sixty-year jewel, as during that number of years he held many important Masonic Offices, and led an extremely active Masonic life.

This Grand Lodge is determined to stamp out commercialism, and it is prepared to institute action in the State of California to establish that Masonry, Masonic Symbols and Emblems shall not be used for fraudulent purposes or for private gain or profit.

CANADA (In Ontario), Grand Master, 1956

THE PLACE OF FREEMASONRY IN SOCIETY*

Freemasonry in many parts of the world today enjoys prosperity. Through the portals of our Lodge rooms a constant flow of candidates enter, with the customary financial benefits. In some countries where dictatorships had suppressed the Craft, there are lodges again at work. In many countries, however, Masonry is being persecuted by a form of totalitarianism which is not necessarily materialistic in nature. This insidious attack is all the more surprising when one considers the moral

objectives which have from time immemorial characterized Freemasonry. The political and social ramifications of the forms of Government in other countries which are contrary to our democratic way of life have placed formidable obstacles in the way of Freemasonry. Our brethren need our sympathy, understanding, and beneficent assistance in these lands. This is a primary and fundamental challenge to the spirit of true brotherhood. Most Wor. Bro. Copus's report on "Fraternal Correspondence" will enlighten Grand Lodge to a more realistic appreciation of the challenge facing Freemasons in other sections of the world.

It is important for this Grand Lodge to keep before it the ideals for which Freemasonry has always stood, if we are to chart our course intelligently for the future. Masonry teaches the rules of morality. It inculcates the doctrine of brotherhood. It stimulates compassion for the unfortunate and cements the ties of true friendship. Within the lodge room rank or birth means little, and power of Masonic research and zeal mean much. Men who associated themselves with our Fraternity in the early days of this Jurisdiction when the pioneer spirit was being unfolded, were insistent in promulgating those Masonic tenets and principles which have made this area a stable Masonic community.

Entering upon a new century of Masonic endeavor fresh emphasis must be placed upon those qualities of heart and mind characteristic of true Masonry. Possibly our greatest danger of the present time is the possession of Masonic respectability. Commendable as it may appear to show an ever-increasing membership, more commodious temples, and substantial financial reserves, the main function of our being of making "good men and true" must never be obliterated.

The counter attractions and interest of present day society are tampering with the constant attendance of the Mason at his Lodge meetings. The increasing demands made upon Masons who hold varied responsible positions are prone to dilute his whole-hearted allegiance to the Craft. The insidious inroads of fascinating programmes on television tend to drain off the "search for truth" which should mark the true Mason in his pursuits. These internal, competitive forces are as great a challenge to Freemasons in our province as the external attacks of foreign philosophies upon our Order in other parts of the world. In the rapidly-changing social structure which surrounds us, complacency may become Masonry's deadliest foe. I do not desire to be an alarmist but I believe it is one of the functions of a Grand Master to submit a re-appraisal of those Ancient Landmarks which must never be undermined by our negligence, unworthiness and indifference. Every Mason in Lodge, intent upon the assimilation of the truths imparted therein and prepared to exemplify these virtues in his personal and corporate life, is the resounding challenge to the Freemason.

In one of the charges, we are taught the duty we owe to our country. Here, again, internal Masonic sabotage may short-circuit our allegiance to our land. As a Mason and a citizen, one must exercise one's franchise as a voter. The Mason must exhibit the spirit of tolerance towards those with whom he may disagree.

He must as an individual possess the courage to stand up for justice where such is required in his community. He must above all possess a character beyond reproach, if he desires to serve his fellow man in public office.

In other words, we have a great responsibility in demonstrating that Freemasonry is a constructive force in all that is good. It behooves each individual Mason in the Lodges of our Jurisdiction to be a fit and proper

person discharging his duties as a citizen of this country. No matter how we may be criticized in belonging to a so-called secret society, at least we have the opportunity of being designated men of superior morals, above reproach, and making a definite contribution to the future of this country which needs increased morality as well as increased machines.

And now a look to the future. Brethren, there is nothing that this world needs now more than the making of friends among men. Freemasonry can help supply that need. It can become a centre of friendship. That is one of the great purposes of our Fraternity; to be a focus of fellowship in which men may be brought together that they may know and understand, and therefore love each other. It is our desire to make friends of men in the world; bring men a little closer together so that each may feel the heart-beat of the other, sit down together, and learn to be friends. I believe that, underneath all the sectarianism of the modern time, and in spite of iron and bamboo curtains, men want to be friends. I believe if we knew what is going on in the hearts of men we would discover that their deep hunger is for a greater friendship for each other. This friendship must be centred in God. It is because this principle has been repudiated that there are tensions in the world scene. A man's first duty is to God. He must worship Him, serve Him, love Him with all his heart, mind, soul and strength. That is one of the first, as well as one of the last lessons that Masonry teaches. I ask all my brethren to keep this thought uppermost in all life and thinking this coming year. It may be possible to possess all the temporal assets which a society can produce, but if the character of man is not sufficiently stable to handle these mundane weapons, he may lack the one thing needful to give significance to his eternal destiny which is, belief in and surrender to the Great Architect of the Universe. The moral order of the universe is our permanent objective. God is our hope. This is His world. Therefore look to the future in faith and optimism. In all your Masonic endeavors remain constant in loyalty to the Ancient Landmarks. Thus together we shall go forward. We shall not fail.

CONNECTICUT, 1956

168th Communication. 133 Lodges, 47,478 members. M.W. John H. Smith, Grand Master. M.W. Earle K. Haling, Grand Secretary.

Information for Petitioner as outlined by the Grand Master is very interesting and every Mason would do well to read them. A very extensive review, being 67 pages, by Grand Secretary. Manitoba is most favorably mentioned.

ENGLAND (Board of General Purposes), 1956

ADVERTISING AND EXHIBITION OF MASONIC CERTIFICATES

The Board appeals to brethren generally to take every means in their power to prevent the use of advertisements which in any form indicate a connection with the Craft. It is felt to be in the highest degree undesirable that endeavor should be made in this way or by circular, personal solicitation or newspaper advertisement, to secure professional, commercial or sectional advantage. All attempts to associate Freemasonry with or for business development are deeply deplored.

The Board emphatically condemns the exhibition of Masonic Certificates on business premises or in public places, for what can be considered only as trade purposes.

If such advertisements or exhibitions of Masonic Certificates come to notice, the firms or individuals concerned should at once be informed that Grand Lodge has pronounced against these practices. Where advertisements are signed by a Member of the Craft, the Board wishes to make it clear that such conduct is deemed un-Masonic and is subject to disciplinary action.

UNAUTHORIZED APPEALS

It is irregular for any appeal to be made to the Craft in general to support particular objects, causes or movements without the sanction of the M.W. The Grand Master, or, in the case of any such appeal intended only for circulation in a specific Province or District, of the respective Provincial or District Grand Master.

MEMBERS IN ARREARS

Rule 148 of the Book of Constitutions provides that no Lodge shall pay any contribution to the Fund of Benevolence or the Fund of General Purposes for a Member in respect of any period for which he has not paid his subscription to the Lodge. Failure to observe this Rule causes difficulty in maintaining the accuracy of Grand Lodge records. The attention of all Secretaries and Treasurers is, therefore, particularly directed to this Rule. It should also be noted that if a Member's subscription remains unpaid for three years then his exclusion, under this Rule, is automatic and cannot be revoked by the Lodge. This also applies if he is excluded for some shorter period of arrears under Rule 181; but, in the latter case, it is important that the procedure set out in Rule 181 should be strictly followed. In both cases, membership may be regained only by following the normal procedure laid down in Rule 163.

FLORIDA, 1956

With a membership of over sixty thousand it is not difficult to believe that the Grand Master of this Jurisdiction would have a busy year. A review of the proceedings confirms this belief. He states that he paid official visits to thirty Districts and travelled more than 35,000 miles in doing so.

Florida has a situation common with other Grand Jurisdictions in that they have difficulty in accommodating the attendance at Grand Lodge Communications. In 1955 they authorized the appointment of a planning committee to investigate and report. The report favors a type of building with two upper floors, used for Masonic purpose, and three levels, including the basement for parking. It is stated that the revenue from parking would go a long way in liquidating the indebtedness.

Parking in down-town Winnipeg is also a problem. Possibly the Masonic Temple Board should look into such a building. A building of this type might prove to be a good investment.

The report on the Masonic Home contains the following paragraph:

"Since the cost of maintaining our guests in the Home continues to increase and the present cost figure of $100 per month in our present contract does not cover the current cost, we recommend 'that the contract

of applicant for Admission to the Home be changed to provide for a monthly charge of $125, instead of the present $100'."

The oration of the Grand Orator presents some ideas on the origin of Masonry and is interesting as well as thought-provoking.

IDAHO, 1956

The foreword of report on Fraternal relations dealing with reviews of other Grand Lodges notes:

"Law suits for damages in large amounts being filed against Lodges and Grand Lodges has stimulated serious consideration concerning liability insurance. Claims up to a hundred thousand dollars are becoming all too common. The causes are accidents, food poisoning and roughness by degree teams becoming too energetic in trying to put on a show for the sidelines, which is contrary to all tenets of Freemasonry."

This brings to our attention what may occur in our own Lodges, and possibly we should consider liability insurance.

The report on Masonic Education is good reading.

ILLINOIS, 1956

117th Communication. M.W. Bro. Milton T. Sonntag presiding. 968 Chartered Lodges, membership 249,939; net loss 980.

The Grand Master in his address remarked that we live in extraordinary and unprecedented times; that we behold daily the technological marvels of the age; the supersonic speed of the jet; the use of atomic energy, and learn each day of what the medical profession is doing in the way of conquering diseases and alleviating physical suffering, and what it is doing in the matter of lengthening the span of life, and making the declining years of man more full of hope and enjoyment.

The Grand Master quoted from the writing of David Sarnoff as follows: "The final test of science is not whether it adds to our comfort, knowledge or power, but whether it adds to our dignity as men and our sense of truth and beauty."

"If we are to become masters of science and not its slaves, we must learn to use its immense power to good purpose. The machine itself has neither mind nor soul nor moral sense; only man has been endowed with these God-like attributes. Every age has its destined duty. Ours is to nurture an awareness of these attributes and to have a sense of responsibility in giving them expression."

This Grand Lodge is giving thought to the question—should we change our theory of non-solicitation for the degrees?

KANSAS, 1956

100th Communication. M.W. Bro. Scott E. Kelsey presiding. 441 Lodges, membership 100,698; net gain 892.

The first published returns in 1859 showed 12 Lodges with a membership of 438.

In opening his address M.W. Bro. Kelsey called to mind the first Communication of the Grand Lodge on October 20th, 1856, and the opening remarks of the first Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Richard E. Reed. "Through the kindness and under the protecting care of over-ruling Providence, we are permitted to assemble once again in granting communication, and though the past Masonic year has been one of turmoil, of contention and conflict in the outer world, yet peace and quietude have reigned within the retirement of our Sanctum, for which, in thankful praise, let our hearts be turned to Him who rules the destinies of men and Masons."

Bro. Kelsey remarked that while the outer world to those in the territory one hundred years ago had very limited boundaries, and the conflict centered on the proposition of whether the territory should be "free" or "slave"—the outside world today has no boundaries but the conflict is still one of whether people shall be free or slave, and in this Freemasonry has a very definite interest and duty.

LOUISIANA, 1956

145th Communication. M.W. Bro. Louis A. Legett presiding. 264 Lodge, membership 49,709; net gain 958.

In his address the Grand Master stated, that despite repeated slanderous attacks by those violently opposed to Freemasonry and by the unjustifiable attempts to undermine it—the membership in the State has increased two and one-half times in the past fifteen years.

LOUISIANA, 1957

146th Communication of this Grand Lodge is very interesting and shows a continual growth.

Masonry is not a material thing; it is a science of the soul. It is not merely a creed or doctrine, but a universal expression of the Divine Wisdom. We are dedicated to Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and there is no doubt in our minds that the freedom of worship that we hold dear and enjoy is the keystone to all freedoms. With the destruction of this freedom, mankind has nothing upon which to cling; civilization would crumble and be destroyed. Masonry does not subscribe to any particular creed or cult. But it does require that anyone accepted within its precepts must affirm a belief in a Supreme Being. We stand as soldiers in the great Masonic army of the world; we guard with vigilance that priceless heritage passed down to us through the years and which is now in our keeping. Our cause is just. Faith in the ideals and principles of our institution is unwavering. (D. Allen Long, G.M.)

MAINE, 1956

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication was opened in Portland Masonic Temple on May 1st, 1956. The Grand Master in his address reported 47,413 members. I note in the report on Masonic Charitable Foundations the following:

"We continue to receive an increasing amount of inquiries concerning the possibility of establishing a Masonic Home in Maine. This matter

has been discussed in this Grand Lodge on a great many occasions in the past and, while such a project is most worth while and greatly to be desired, yet it cannot be considered until the Craft as a whole is willing to share the expense of building, maintaining and operating such an institution. The experience of other Grand Jurisdictions, and there are many maintaining homes and hospitals, which are great credit to Masonry, shows that exclusive of building and acquiring a plant, the annual cost of maintenance and operation per patient or guest varies between twelve and sixteen hundred dollars per year. The Grand Lodge of Maine will undoubtedly develop and maintain a Masonic Home when the membership as a whole is willing to share the expense of acquisition and maintenance."

Masonic Education is receiving good attention and satisfactory progress is reported. The Masters' and Wardens' Associations are proving effective in their Districts and are of great assistance to the District Deputy Grand Masters.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1955

The proceedings under review are for the year 1955, and during that year Masons in Massachusetts had a busy and important year. The following listed activities will indicate just how busy.

On January 22nd a special Communication in Boston for observing the one hundredth anniversary of Germania Lodge. The Grand Master presented to the Worshipful Master a dispensation permitting the members to wear an appropriate centenary medal in recognition of the one hundredth anniversary. A resume of the history of this Lodge is interesting reading. On March 8th a Special Communication held in the town of Wellesley for dedicating the Masonic Apartment of Wellesley Lodge. On March 9th Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. On March 22nd Special Communication held in Dorchester for purpose of observing the one hundredth anniversary of Gate of the Temple Lodge.

I note in the history of this Lodge that on June 24th, 1867 the Grand Lodge had voted to impose a commutation tax of $13.00 per member, and twenty-five cents per visit to a lodge for unaffiliated Masons to cover the indebtedness incurred in building the new temple. Gate Lodge looked after this tax by voting to assess each member a dollar per year for thirteen years and by the lodge assuming the twenty-five cent tax for visits of unaffiliated Masons.

Space does not permit dealing with this Communication to any greater length other than to note the hundredth anniversary of the following Lodges, all of which have interesting histories: De Witt Clinton Lodge, Amicable Lodge, Mount Carmel Lodge, Blackstone River Lodge, Winslow Lodge, Mount Horeb Lodge.

The Special Communication held at Boston on July 22nd for the purpose of receiving distinguished guests from England and Scotland, and of celebrating the Feast of St. John the Baptist, is of particular interest. The visitors from England and Scotland were: R.W. Sir Allan Adair, Assistant Grand Master, England; R.W. Sir Sidney White, Grand Secretary, England; M.W. Lord MacDonald, Grand Master, Scotland; R.W. Earl of Eglinton and Winton, Deputy Grand Master, Scotland; R.W. Alexander Buchan, Grand Secretary, Scotland.

There is a wealth of Masonic history of England, Scotland and of America recorded in the records of the Grand Communication.

MEXICO—YORK GRAND LODGE, 1956

This Grand Lodge has had a very interesting and successful year under the leadership of Mino M. Covo, Grand Master. Their relations with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico are still rather strained. It does not appear that an amicable solution is near at hand.

MICHIGAN, 1956

112th Communication. M.W. Bro. Henry R. Ruusi presiding. 590 Lodges, membership 173,512; net gain 1,923.

A ruling of great interest was made by the Committee on Jurisprudence on the question: Is there a possibility of making an honorary Past Master of a most distinguished member for his many contributions to Masonry in general? After the Committee had established that there was no express provision of Masonic law in Michigan creating an Honorary Past Master, the following was reported: "We conclude by ruling that a constituent Lodge has no power to create, either directly or indirectly, an Honorary Past Master, and should not attempt to do so."

The following is an extract from a paper presented to the "Objective Planning Commission," which is being set up by this Grand Lodge: "Let us take a good look at the lectures and charges following the ritualistic work in each degree. They were all designed to teach, and in a sense to propagandize certain Philosophies as well as lessons; no one denies their beauties, but one could question their present value—at least some of them. In our Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan, much of it is out-moded, and not currently necessary. Scientific progress and present day general education makes some of it superfluous."

The writer of the paper went on to say that the opinions expressed were his only, but there are many who would hope that the old customs would be continued, and there would seem to be no logical reason for changing or even disturbing the ancient landmarks.

MINNESOTA, 1956

103rd Communication. 293 Lodges, membership 68,105; net gain 914.

The Addresses of the Grand Master, Willard L. Hillyer, gives an excellent report of his stewardship, covering all phases of the activities of that Grand Lodge, special reference being made to the project entered into with the University of Minnesota for building a Minnesota Masonic Memorial Hospital for the treatment of cancer, urging the members to see that it is carried through to complete success.

The report of the Committee on Improvement of Attendance at Lodge Meetings gives a careful study of this problem. Space does not permit its reproduction; however, it has many valuable suggestions and is available for those wishing to read it.

Special appreciation was extended to Bro. Leslie M. Thornton for the attention and assistance given to members of the Masonic Order while patients in the Mayo Clinic at Rochester.

Manitoba was honored by the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota being conferred on M.W. Bro. John R. C. Evans at this Communication.

NEBRASKA, 1956

In the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations I note in regard to Mexico they report as follows:

"In Mexico, the York Grand Lodge has existed for many years in peace, although there are now 22 Mexican Grand Lodges in this country, some of whom have been recently formed. York Grand Lodge is recognized by every American Grand Lodge. They have had an Intervisitation Agreement with other Mexican Grand Lodges since 1945. In the fall of 1953, the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico abrogated this agreement without notice. Since that time matters have grown progressively worse. The rise of "nationalism" the world over among former colonies and dependencies, has also developed in Masonic circles. The spirit of independence has doubtless caused the Valle De Mexico to demand a merger on the part of the York Grand Lodge with Valle, under very peculiar terms. They now declare York Grand Lodge to be a "foreign" Grand Lodge and an invader in the territory held by Valle; while the fact is, since we believe the statements made by the York body, the reverse is true. Valle shrewdly base their complaint on the so-called principle of "exclusive jurisdiction," a principle which may be of value in countries where systems of Masonry have had only one source and origin, but which is more ignored than observed in the Masonic world generally.

"Under date of December 3rd, 1955, Valle De Mexico sent out a circular which in effect threatens to break off recognition with any Grand Lodge that recognizes the York Grand Lodge unless they accept the attitude of Valle De Mexico in this matter. We shall see what happens."

NEVADA, 1956

While Nevada is one of the smaller Grand Jurisdictions in the U.S.A. with a total membership of 5,357 members, its proceedings indicate it is a very active Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address shows a busy year and he covers his activities under various headings in his address.

I note that Nevada has a regulation requiring that after the proceedings of Grand Lodge are printed and distributed to the various lodges that the Master shall at the next Communication of his Lodge cause to be read the Grand Master's address and report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, together with the action of the Grand Lodge thereon.

The address of the Grand Orator dealt mainly with size of lodges and advocates smaller lodges.

NEW JERSEY, 1956

169th Communication. M.W. Bro. Joseph H. Gick presiding. 284 Lodges, membership 105,163; net gain 1481.

Among the positive actions to be taken by the Grand Master during the year was the issuance of a form letter to all subordinate lodges, asking that serious consideration be given to the possibility of a panic which might occur in a lodge room due to fire, explosion or other disaster, and

suggested that each lodge give immediate consideration to determine what, if any, steps should be taken to remove the possibility of such an occurrence. He seemed to be particularly conscious of fire hazard as he called on the lodges to deposit warrants, records, etc., in fireproof receptacles.

NEW MEXICO, 1955

In reviewing the proceedings of this Grand Lodge I note in the report of Committee on Masonic Educational Service, under the heading "Instructions to Investigating Committees," the following letter was approved and authorized to be sent out:

Instructions for Guidance of the Investigation Committee

Dear Brethren: You have been appointed by your Worshipful Master as members of the committee to investigate the petitioner whose name appears on the enclosed form.

This is perhaps the most important duty a member can ever have, and the most valuable service he can ever perform for Freemasonry. You must remember that in all probability it is only through your action and investigation that the Lodge can determine the fitness and desirability of the petitioner as a member of the Fraternity. This behooves you to make a most thorough and complete investigation. As a guide we list the following to assist you in your effort:

1. Be sure to confirm all the answers and verify all the information given on the petition.

2. Contact both of the sponsors on the petition and find out from them what they know about the petitioner and why they signed his petition.

3. Contact and interview the petitioner in his home and if possible hold the interview in the presence of his family. This should enable you to determine the character of his home life and will give them some concept about Freemasonry. Conduct the interview in a friendly manner and be prepared to answer questions about our Fraternity. A good impression at this time is most important and may possibly determine whether or not the petitioner will make a good member.

4. Make sure that the petitioner understands the following:
   (*a*) That our Fraternity requires a belief in God and that our institution is based on that belief.
   (*b*) That our principal objective is the presentation of moral values in the hope of making better men.
   (*c*) That he can expect nothing in the way of personal advancement either financial or otherwise from his membership.
   (*d*) That we are neither an insurance, a relief or a burial society.
   (*e*) That his acceptance is entirely up to the Lodge, that a unanimous ballot is required for his election and that there is no obligation to accept him as a member.

5. Contact the petitioner's employer or business references and determine his character and standing in this phase of his life.

6. Be sure to investigate thoroughly the conduct and character of the petitioner before he came into our jurisdiction.

7. Begin your investigation as soon as you receive the petition and report for your action. This is important because it is unfair to both the petitioner and the Lodge to try and make an investigation the day before the petition is due to be acted upon by the Lodge.

8. Last but not least, do not hesitate to make an unfavorable report if there is any reasonable doubt in your mind that the petitioner is not qualified in every respect to make a good member. Keep in mind that it is not the intent of Freemasonry to reform any man, rather it is the hope to help a worth-while man to improve himself.

Your co-operation in following out the above guide is most earnestly requested.

G.M.

It has been my experience in Manitoba that many brethren do not know the duties of an Investigating Committee, and the sending out of a similar letter might well be considered by our Grand Lodge.

The proceedings show an active year in New Mexico. Masonry is progressing there and is in good hands.

NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA, 1956

M.W. Bro. T. L. Warren presiding. 841 Lodges, membership 132,377; net gain 1812.

One of the matters which is causing a great deal of conern in this Grand Lodge is the falling off of attendance in lodges in many of the districts, and in some instances this has been attributed to late Tyling. Another thought is that perhaps many of the lodges are becoming too large in respect to membership, and there is a move afoot in many jurisdictions to foster more lodges with a smaller membership to offset the problem of large membership in individual lodges, to which is attributed the falling off of membership, a drop in attendance and lack of opportunity for brethren to participate in the ceremonies and to hold office.

It would appear after a reading of the proceedings of a number of the Grand Lodges that the problems confronting Masonry and which will have to be solved are common over the surface of the globe.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1956

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota indicate another very busy year. Twenty-four District Meetings were held. The Grand Master also presided on seventeen special occasions such as Diamond Jubilees, Dedications of Temples, etc.

W. Bro. Nels G. Johnson, the Grand Orator, delivered an excellent address on "The Importance of Little Things." Brother Johnson points out that life and all around us is made up of little things. This address is well worth while reading and I would like to reproduce it here, but space does not permit me to do so.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1956

This Grand Lodge has had a very active and successful year under the leadership of their Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. S. Munro. It is interesting to note that M.W. Bro. Munro had the pleasure of presenting a 75-Year Masonic Jewel to Bro. Henry Balcom Hall. This Grand Lodge has a Freemasons' Home which is rendering a wonderful service to its guests. Manitoba is very favorably mentioned in their Fraternal Reviews.

OKLAHOMA, 1956

48th Communication. M.W. Bro. Ed. T. Sabin presiding. 391 Lodges, membership 85,794; net gain 1385.

In commenting on the condition of Freemasonry in Oklahoma, the Grand Master observed that his journey throughout the State had shown him there is an increasing desire on the part of the Craft to improve its Masonic knowledge and to enjoy fraternalism by increased visitations. Optimism was evident, with peace and harmony prevailing.

An innovation this year in the practice and proceedings of the Grand Lodge has been brought about in the issuing of a Certificate to each Entered Apprentice, upon his initiation, showing that he has made a contribution of $15.00 to the Endowment Fund.

OREGON, 1956

It is with some surprise that I note in the Oregon proceedings the following letter sent to all Master Masons in the Portland area:

"Dear Brother:

"As Freemasons we are dedicated to the service and preservation of the Public Schools.

"One of our greatest opportunities to perform our duties as citizens will be in the approaching Primary Election when three Directors for the School Board of District No. 1 are to be elected.

"I wish to emphatically call your attention to one of the candidates for one of these positions. He is Doane D. Kasparek, Past Master of Irvington Lodge, District Deputy of the Grand Master, member of the Scottish Rite and member of Al Kader Shrine Temple. He is a member of the P.T.A.'s of the Atkinson Grade School and the Franklin High School where his two children are enrolled. He is an active member of the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church.

"I shall vote for only one of the candidates—Brother Kasparek, in order to insure his election.

"I also recommend that you vote for Errol C. Rees for re-election as County School Superintendent. He is a Past Master of Sandy Lodge. He has an outstanding record of service to the Public Schools.

"Do not be confused by a similarity of names on the ballot!

"Yours sincerely,

"Ernest Bolliger, Grand Master.

"Before writing this letter 'The Statement of Policy of this Grand Lodge' was read, studied and re-read. In doing so your Grand Master

came to the conclusion that he was not entering partisan politics, and became firmly convinced that it was in conformity with the principles enunciated in the Statement of Policy."

I shall make no comment of the above portion of the Grand Master's address. Reading the proceedings I have found them interesting and instructive and well worth reading.

PHILIPPINES, 1956

Camilo Osias, Grand Master, speaks very highly of the Washington National Conference, which he addressed for the Grand Lodges outside of the United States. In closing his remarks we quote: "In our service to Freemasonry we should be global in our concept and be able to unite all forces to render service to God, to men and humanity."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, Grand Master, 1956

The experiences of the past twelve months have confirmed the observation that what one puts into an undertaking determines what one gets out of it. In respect to this truism I can say that my contribution to Freemasonry as your Grand Master has been enriched and blessed by what has come back to me in the nature and goodwill of the brethren. It has been a year of happy associations and I shall lay down the Gavel with feelings of regret, but also with the feeling that Freemasonry on Prince Edward Island has been deepened and love for our Fraternity quickened.

Every day is not only a day of peril, but it is also a day of opportunity and hope. While I need hardly remind you that this Atomic Age in which we live is an age of great peril and danger, I would also remind you that it is a day of hope, for never before were men's thoughts turned towards Peace as the only hope of saving our civilization. We must either live together as Brothers or we cannot live at all. It is here and towards this end that Masonry—the Handmaid of Religion—is playing a very significant and all important role. "Through its Good Works—Good Deeds—Good Will, this globe-girdling fraternity—embracing in its membership royalty and common citizenship—has been and is a force for good in human society." It acknowledges the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. It knows no racial barriers and its primary and chief purpose is the making of manhood and the formation of character, for it challenges its members to the highest reaches of noble living. I see in its ever increasing membership great hope for the future of the human race.

Brothers—to this end and purpose we are called to a new commitment and consecration to those ideals of noble living and service which have ever enriched mankind and brought to the world not only its present state of efficiency—but also its aspirations for peace and goodwill among the nations of our world.

As members of this great Peace-loving and Peace-seeking fraternity we take this opportunity on the occasion of our Annual Communication of re-dedicating ourselves, individually and collectively—to the great cause of Peace and Brotherhood—thus may we spend and be spent until the Master of all good workmen, the Great Architect of the Universe, shall call us to work and service anew in His everlasting kingdom of Love and Peace.

QUEENSLAND, 1956

35th Communication. M.W. Bro. Thomas G. H. Jones, D.Sc., presiding. The reviewer could not locate any definite mention of the number of Lodges in Queensland, but the total membership is given as 33,502, with a net gain for the year of 793.

This Grand Lodge meets quarterly throughout the year. The principal or general meeting appears to be called a Special Communication.

M.W. Jones records the loss of a relatively large number of brethren, all of which losses were not accountable as a result of deaths. Brethren have been lost to the Craft for reasons not altogether apparent, and a pressing objective of all constituent Lodges should be to prevent this leakage.

A very interesting and informative address was given by the Rev. H. K. Cornish, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, in which he traced from the pages of the Book of Holy Writ the history and inscription of King Solomon's Temple, the date of the starting of the construction of which, however, is very obscure. He concluded his paper by stating that for Masons the Temple is a symbol, and that as the Temple of Solomon stood on the highest point of Moriah, or Zion, so for Freemasons our symbolic Temple should always be enshrined in our hearts, and lead our minds only to that which is highest and best.

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1956-57

Grand Master Bro. General Hely Franco Belmino was re-elected Grand Master for the second term. From his message I quote:

"It is our duty to warn our brothers to the afflicting situation of the world and, in particular, that of Brazil, asking them to meditate upon their great responsibilities as Freemasons and as Brazilians, and the vital importance of their public actions as parcels of high signification in the society they actuate."

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1956

M.W. J. Ansel Eaddy presiding. 297 Chartered Lodges, 3 Lodges U.D. Membership 53,345; net gain 1494.

In his address the Grand Master expressed considerable concern about the number of those who had been suspended for non-payment of dues. 1086 Brethren were so affected, and in the opinion of the Grand Master this was far too great a number. He did not attempt to express an opinion as to where the fault lies, but expressed the hope that continued and profound consideration would be given to this problem and every attempt made to keep the Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction in good standing. He also stated that in his opinion the Investigating Committees were not functioning as they should.

"This fact is clearly indicated by the number of petitioners who have been rejected by one Lodge and later received one or more of the degrees at some other Lodge. Of course, these offenders are usually caught up with and brought to trial, but it is not the purpose to have trials like some criminal court. We are here for the purpose of disseminating more

rectitude and building character. It is my considered opinion that Worshipful Masters should exercise more care in appointing committees to investigate the characters of those who would knock on our doors for admission."

During his term of office the Grand Master issued dispensation for a most unusual ceremony—that of creating a Mason on sight. The reviewer is not aware that this ceremony has ever been performed in Canada, and likely a dispensation such as the Grand Master granted is quite rare in the United States as well. It is thought that on one other occasion the ceremony took place when William Howard Taft, during his term of office as President of the United States, was made a Mason on sight.

TEXAS, 1956

121st Communication. M.W. Bro. W. W. Boothe presiding. 951 Lodges, membership 233,647; net gain 4,803.

This Grand Lodge permits of a procedure of public installation of Officers, and in 1956 eighty-two dispensations for that purpose were issued.

In an address delivered to the Grand Lodge on the subject, "Ultimate Lessons of the Three Degrees," the speaker noted that around the year 30 B.C. a student of a learned and wise Rabbi asked him to give him the whole law. This was done in fifteen words—"Whatsoever thou wouldst that man should not do to you, do not that to them."

I intend, said the speaker, "To give you the three degrees in Masonry in three words: Values, Responsibility and Devotion."

In his address, the Grand Orator dealt at length on the subject of the home. Everyone loves the place he calls home, and it is the foundation of all that men hold as most dear, and what they cherish throughout their lives. How, then, can it be that this foundation by which society is supported is in danger of crumbling. The home is the ground on which the future generations are to be trained, and the thoughts of its disintegration are alarming. Unknowingly, the teachings of the tenets of Masonry begin in the home.

UTAH, 1956

84th Communication. M.W. Bro. Roy W. Robinson presiding. 28 Lodges, membership 6589; net gain 61.

In his opening remarks the Grand Master made reference to the good condition of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, the most notable shortcoming, which in no way appears to be general, is the lack of resident members.

It is the definite opinion of the Grand Master that perhaps on Masonry, as on no other agency, rests the work of establishing—in this present-day world belabored by strife and turmoil and beset with the insidious inroads of ideologies and isms—the fundamental principle of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

One of the most timely recommendations of the Grand Master would appear to be the proposal to raise the per capita levy from $1.50 to $1.75, although he admitted that this might constitute a hardship to some of the Lodges who are striving desperately to complete building programmes and other worthy projects.

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, 1956

M.W. Bro. Sir Dallas Brooks presiding. This Grand Lodge is summoned quarterly.

One of the principal items of discussion had to do with the setting up of a building fund for the purpose of erecting a Central Metropolitan Temple. It was appreciated that the raising of such a large sum as would be required would not be easily accomplished, and the vote taken indicated an agreement on the proposal to ask a yearly contribution from every Mason in the jurisdiction, over a period of 20 years, but that when sufficient funds were on hand to start erection work forthwith.

The principle of the making of Masonic relief and aid readily available to those worthy of it, is firmly held in this jurisdiction, and as evidence of this such funds as Benevolence, Freemasons' Hospital, War Relief Masonic Scholarship and Memorial Scholarships funds are set up and maintained.

WASHINGTON, 1956

99th Communication. M.W. Bro. Ronald W. Meier presiding. 279 Lodges, membership 69,449; net gain 684.

At the Grand Lodge Communication in 1955 authority was given to the Grand Secretary and the Finance Committee to negotiate further and enter into a contract of liability insurance which would afford the most adequate protection to the Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges.

A proposal was accepted and a comprehensive public liability insurance contract was thereby provided; protection was afforded for bodily injury and property damage; for damage to leased or controlled premises; for bodily injury arising out of operation of owned automobiles, and also for property damage arising out of the operation of owned automobiles.

It would appear that Washington and many other Grand Lodges approve of constituent lodge by-laws which permit the collection of a further fee in addition to that of initiation as a contribution to the Endowment Fund.

It is interesting to note that Masons in the U.S. are discussing whether a change in the theory of non-solicitation might be entertained. They are finding that Freemasonry is not static, but that it is live and growing, and if it is to operate to the greatest advantage to mankind, must adapt itself to modern times.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1956

92nd Communication. M.W. Bro. Claude W. Rinehart presiding. 163 Chartered Lodges, membership 47,173; net gain 676.

Some Grand Lodges have more or less recently made inquiries looking to the establishment of a Masonic Home or somewhat similar institution, and have been more or less discouraged because of reports and information obtained. In this connection it might be well to quote from a report from the Board of Governors of the West Virginia Masonic Home: "During the year the affairs of your Masonic Home have been

running along smoothly and successfully. The few, very few, ripples of discord, and seemingly necessary in the life of people, were mere passing incidents as compared with the unlimited happiness and harmony evident every day by the residents who enjoy the Home, and the able, devoted and competent group of employees who contribute to the comfort of those under their care.

"Your Board of Governors would have you never forget that the West Virginia Masonic Home fills a distinct place in the labors of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and we are convinced that each year the Home wins for itself more earnest friends. It is a stabilizing thought to know and be able to report to this Grand Lodge that good feeling towards each other and the management of the Home prevails among the residents."

One of those who has been resident in the Home for 21 years says, "It's the finest place that ever was, it's home to me and I don't want any other." In his report the Grand Lecturer, who is a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, made the following statement: "No Lodge can attain or hope to attain, an air of dignity without proficiency in the work of the Ritual. This is, indeed, as essential as a code to the members of the legal profession, or as the tools of the builders' trade to the practical mechanic. It is, therefore, an imperative necessity that every Officer of a Lodge should be thoroughly equipped from this standpoint to perform the duties which may, without a moment's notice, devolve upon or be assigned to him."

WISCONSIN, Grand Master, 1956

Such is the state of the Craft—while it's to be regretted that our "losses in membership" exceed our "gains in membership," this is not insurmountable if each of us will recognize that he is a living example of Masonry in his community. What a Mason does or says will determine whether Masonry will grow and prosper or if it shall decline and fall. In other words, we need to use our Masonry in our daily life and if we walk uprightly before man and God, our future is assured. By the same token, we shall earn that rich tradition that has gone before us and which has made us one of the oldest institutions on the contemporary scene, second only to the church.

If we will but place our reliance in those great ideals we teach, viz., a belief in a God who is the Father of all men, that the individual is a child of God and the common denominator of society, that there is a relationship of balance between God, man and his neighbor, and that the soul is immortal, Masonry will never die. Ultimately it will express the doctrine that man is universal and this will usher in the day of peace on earth.

WYOMING, 1956

The Grand Lodge of Wyoming has 51 Lodges, with a membership of 12,544. The Grand Master, Ralph E. McWhinnie, has had a very active year, this being their 82nd Annual Communication. The many reports are interesting and may well be used by other Grand Lodges.

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